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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOUISVILLE (157-1219) (P)

DATE: 9/29/72

FROM : SA WARREN L. WALSH

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SUBJECT: BLACK WORKERS COALITION  
EM - BWC

On 9/27/72, [REDACTED],

[REDACTED] Ford Motor Company, Fern Valley Plant, Louisville, Ky., telephone 366-9511, extension 642, telephonically advised the following:

The board members of the Ford Company will hold their Board of Directors meeting in Louisville, Ky., on 10/11-12/72. Thirteen of the board members are scheduled to attend including the President of Ford Motor Company, HENRY FORD II. The tentative schedule for the board members is for them to arrive in Louisville, Ky., at the Falls City Flying Service area of Standiford Field in a company owned plane on 10/11/72. Thereafter they will go directly to the Louisville Fern Valley Ford Plant for a tour of the plant. Thereafter they will return to the Galt House where they will stay overnight and on the evening of 10/11/72 some of the Louisville city officials will attend an event to be held for the board members at the Galt House. On 10/12/72 the board members will go to the Kentucky truck plant of the Ford Company located on Westport Road, Louisville, Ky., where they will hold their Board of Directors meeting.

[REDACTED] recalled that in the spring of 1972 the Black Workers Coalition (BWC) of Louisville, Ky., picketed the Ford Motor Company in connection with the alleged claim of the Ford Company discriminating in employment against black employees. A leader in this activity was ROOSEVELT ROBERTS who was and still is an employee of the Ford Motor Company.

[REDACTED] stated that the security people at Ford are extremely anxious to learn of any information regarding the BWC might conduct any protest type demonstration while members of Ford's Board of Directors are in Louisville.

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1-157-1503 (ROOSEVELT ROBERTS)  
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[redacted] further advised that [redacted]

[redacted] for all of Ford's operations and who is headquartered in Detroit, Michigan, arrived in Louisville, Ky., on 9/25/72 in connection with effecting appropriate security with respect to the scheduled Ford Board of Directors meeting in Louisville. Further, [redacted] advised that [redacted]

[redacted] for all of Ford's assembly division is scheduled to arrive in Louisville on 9/27/72 in connection with effecting security regarding the Board of Directors meeting.

[redacted] was advised that as of this time this office has no information indicating the BWC may plan some protest type activity during the Board of Directors meeting. [redacted] advised that appropriate local authorities would be contacted by Ford security people and alerted to instant meeting.



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BLACK PANTHER PARTY (KBPP), ITS MEMBERS

AND THEIR ACTIVITIES.

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Louisville, Kentucky  
September 22, 1972

BEN SIMMONS has taken a two-week leave of absence from the Kentucky Black Panther Party (KBPP) due to the fact that his wife had a baby boy on September 16, 1972. SIMMONS also indicated that he is taking this opportunity to "get his head together." According to SIMMONS, he and his wife JUDI have been arguing a lot lately and he wants to straighten that situation out before he returns to the party.

KBPP held a meeting on Thursday, September 21, 1972, at Southern Conference Educational Fund (SCEF), which lasted from 6:00 PM to 7:15 PM. G.T. ALEXANDER was in charge of this meeting and discussed plans to picket in front of the court house where the trial for the "Louisville Seven" will take place on September 25, 1972. He instructed all KBPP members not to participate in the picket line but to remain inside of the courtroom. He stated that only individuals from SCEF will participate in the picket. ALEXANDER indicated that he attempted to get individuals from the Black Workers Coalition (BWC) to participate in the picket, but they refused.

In addition to ALEXANDER, the following individuals were present at the meeting:

BRUCE CONWAY  
VANESSA STOKES  
DON SPAULDING  
RICK OLIVER (who was named to be in charge of the  
free breakfast program)  
JOHN STARKS  
HERB JONES  
NANCY PENICK  
CAROLLE MORRIS.

It was decided that party members will concentrate this coming weekend on getting as much publicity for the "Louisville Seven" as possible. They will accomplish this by passing out leaflets throughout the city.

In line with previous plans, the KBPP will have revolving teams who will man the free breakfast program. These teams will consist of four KBPP members. The team scheduled to man the breakfast program next week is VILANNE DAVIS, JOHN STARKS, DARRYL PAGE and NANCY PENICK.

DON SPAULDING, who had hoped to obtain a job at International Harvester, has apparently failed to do so. SPAULDING

continues to have marital difficulties and recently left his wife and is currently residing at the Peyton Place Apartments, exact address unknown.

NANCY PENICK stated that she has obtained a job as a medical technician and is supposed to start today. She did not say where she obtained this job.

According to G.T. ALEXANDER, an individual who has his own band approached him recently and told him that this individual could obtain, free of cost, the Club Lou-Villian if the KBPP would sponsor a dance, in which the funds would go to either the sickle cell anemia testing program or the free breakfast program. ALEXANDER indicated that the party would be so interested and told this individual they would get together soon to iron out the details. If the dance comes off, the KBPP will receive sixty percent of the profits and the individual who has the band will take the other forty percent.

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The KBPP has had no further contact with the International Black Workers Congress (IBWC).

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- 1 - 157-1503 (ROBERTS, R.)
- 1 - 157-1504 (RAPIER)
- 1 - 157-1505 (JENNINGS)
- 1 - 157-1550 (SLAUGHTER)
- 1 - 157-1619 (ROBERTS, W.)
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Louisville, Kentucky  
September 22, 1972

At the present time, the Black Workers Coalition (BWC) has three principal priorities. These are, attempting to help a Negro female named PHYLLIS SMITH, who has alleged police brutality. Mrs. SMITH claims that when arrested a few weeks ago, she was brutalized by two policemen from the Louisville Police Department at which time she received an eye injury. As a result of this injury, Mrs. SMITH has lost one eye. BWC leaders are convinced that Mrs. SMITH was, infact, brutalized by these police officers which caused her to lose her eye, despite the fact that investigation has acquitted the police officers.

The second main priority of the BWC at the present time is voter registration. BWC members have been working very diligently throughout the black community attempting to get blacks to register to vote.

The third priority of the BWC is to investigate a grievance filed by a white laborer who works for Philip Morris who has alleged that the Philip Morris Company discriminates against their black employees. Source anticipates that in the near future, the BWC will picket the Philip Morris Company.

On September 19, 1972, BWC members travelled to General Hospital at approximately 7:00 PM and picketed the hospital protesting the treatment that PHYLLIS SMITH had received at the hands of the police, which caused her to lose her eye. Mrs. SMITH is presently staying at General Hospital.

On Saturday, September 16, 1972, the BWC was scheduled to hold a demonstration at the General Electric Company at Appliance Park. However, prior to this demonstration, the BWC came to an agreement concerning the recent firing of a black employee at General Electric, which caused the BWC to cancel its planned demonstration.

RON SLAUGHTER and WOODROW ROBERTS recently have spent some time at Southern Conference Educational Fund (SCEF) getting some literature from SCEF. Source is not sure, but source believes that this literature has to do with information concerning voter registration and has been printed by SCEF.

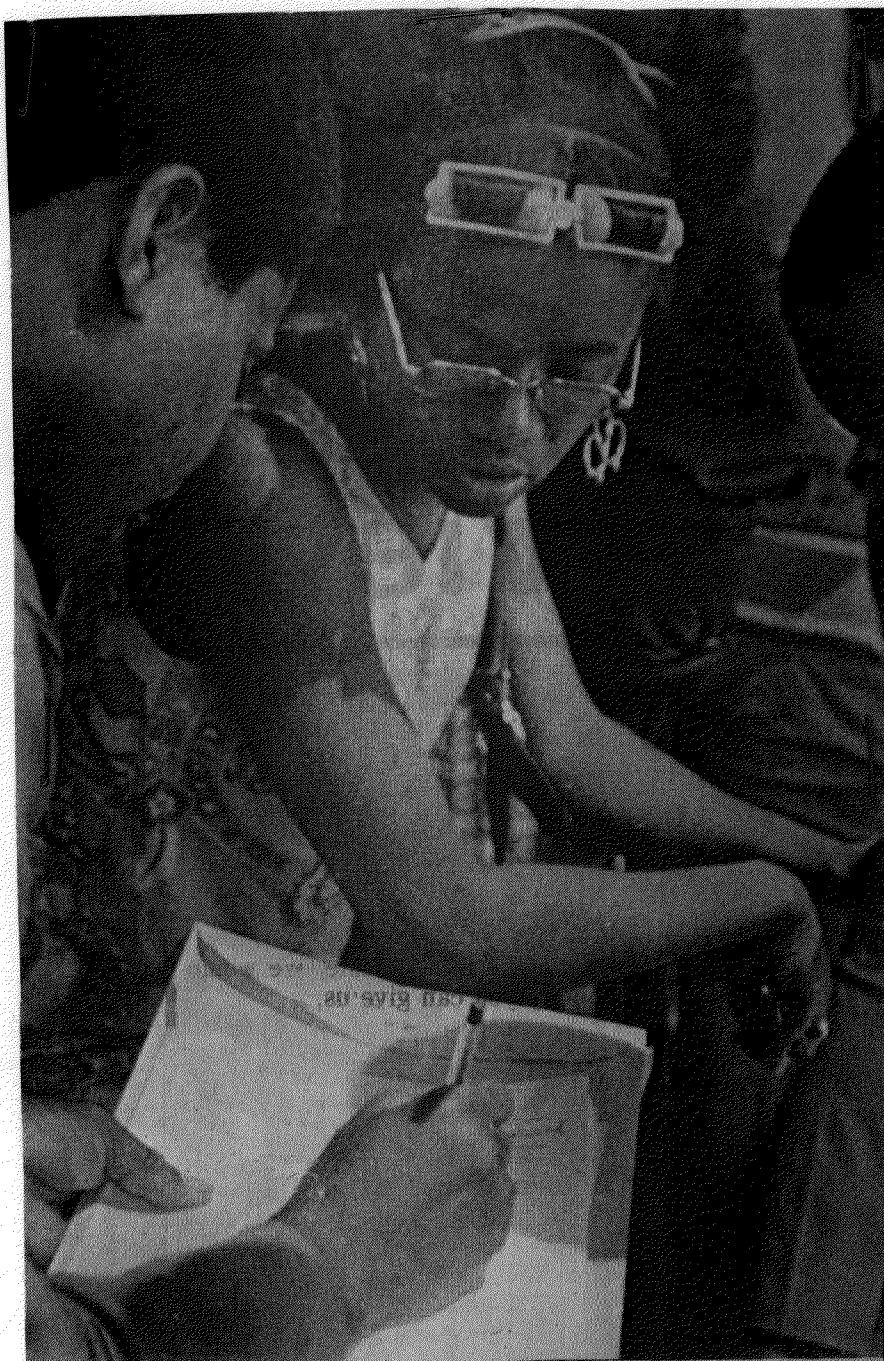
BWC members particularly active in the voter registration program are ROOSEVELT ROBERTS, MOSE RAPIER, JIM COX, and RON SLAUGHTER.

The International Black Workers Congress (IBWC) has made no further overtures toward the BWC. ROOSEVELT ROBERTS and MOSE RAPIER have indicated that if the IBWC contacts the BWC, no BWC members are to encourage them in any way. They repeated their belief that the BWC should have nothing to do with the IBWC.

The Black Panthers in Louisville, Kentucky, have been in touch with the BWC recently requesting that the BWC join them in demonstrating in favor of the "Louisville Seven." The BWC rejected this request.

Although no one from the BWC has attended any demonstrations with regard to supporting the "Louisville Seven", RON SLAUGHTER did attend the "Louisville Seven" hearing on September 15, 1972. SLAUGHTER, however, attended this in an individual capacity as opposed to any official capacity with regard to the BWC.

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**JIMMY COX**, Black Workers' Coalition member, signs up one of many 18-year-old new voters. The encroaching darkness did not stop the group from registering people for the November election.

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— LOUISVILLE DEFENDER

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AT THE ENTRANCE and exit of Consolidated Sales, members of the Black Workers' Coalition attempt to register voters. They have registered well over 2,000 voters to date.



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1 - 157-1551 (ONES)  
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1 - 157-1583 (STOKES)  
1 - 157-1591 (GAYNOR)

- 1 - 157-1594 (B. JONES)  
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ADMINISTRATIVE DATA:

On September 20, 1972, SA BARTLEY J. GORI advised Detective CHARLES MOORE, Louisville Police Department, Louisville, Kentucky, that there was some indication that the KBPP may have access to a stolen van in the near future and that he would be alerted if, in fact, the party does receive same.

Detective MOORE was also advised that the party may picket the Kentucky Movie Theater on Friday, September 22, 1972, and that the party will have representatives at the Park DuValle festival on October 7, 1972.

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Louisville, Kentucky  
September 20, 1972

On Monday, September 18, 1972, G. T. ALEXANDER traveled to Harrodsburg, Kentucky, where he picked up VANESSA STOKES and took her back to Louisville, Kentucky. STOKES refuses to state any reasons why she left Louisville. Now that she has returned she will continue to function as the branch secretary for the party.

An individual named DARRYL PAGE, who is a friend of CAROLLE MORRIS, has filled out a security form indicating that he wishes to join the party. As mentioned, he is a friend of CAROLLE MORRIS and according to MORRIS, she and PAGE went to school together. PAGE is described as a Negro male, 5'9" to 5'10", 150 pounds, medium build, medium complexion, medium afro, approximately 17 - 18 years old.

On September 19, 1972, the KBPP held a Political Education class at SCEF, at which time the following members were present:

BRUCE CONWAY, G. T. ALEXANDER, VANESSA STOKES, DON SPAULDING, VILANNE DAVIS, JOHN STARKS, RICK OLIVER, IMAUTI BENNETT, DARRYL PAGE, NANCY PENICK and HERB JONES.

At the meeting G. T. ALEXANDER expressed the hope that party members from New York will travel to Louisville, Kentucky, to attend the trial of the "Louisville Seven". ALEXANDER stated that he had information that members of GARY GAYNOR's family would travel to Louisville, Kentucky, to attend the trial. ALEXANDER indicated he would make a long distance telephone call to New York to determine how many individuals would arrive in Louisville from New York. ALEXANDER also expressed the hope that individuals from the Norfolk Chapter of the BPP will travel to Louisville for the trial.

The meeting lasted from 5:00 PM until 6:00 PM, and afterwards G. T. ALEXANDER, JOHN STARKS, VILANNE DAVIS, RICK OLIVER and NANCY PENICK joined members of the Black Workers Coalition in picketing General Hospital between 7:00 and 7:30 PM. The picket was in support of PHYLLIS SMITH, who was presently hospitalized at General due to the loss of an eye, which she claims in the result of police brutality.

ROOSEVELT ROBERTS of the BWC was in charge of this picket.

JUDI SIMMONS remains in General Hospital. She and BEN SIMMONS are supposed to give their child an African name which they have already selected. According to BEN SIMMONS, they selected the child's name at the same time they selected their own African names, when they joined the Republic of New Africa.

According to RICK OLIVER, an individual named MIKE (last name unknown) associated with the "ONES", has told OLIVER that "ONES" have access to a "hot van". The "ONES" plan to alter this vehicle so it will not be readily identifiable as a stolen vehicle, and MIKE (LNU) has indicated to RICK OLIVER that in the event the KBPP wishes to use this van as an ambulance, in connection with a free ambulance program, the "ONES" will make the van available to them.

At the KBPP Political Education class on September 19, 1972, G. T. ALEXANDER indicated that the "drug committee" which consists of G. T. ALEXANDER, HERB JONES, BEN SIMMONS, and RICK OLIVER, will travel to the Kentucky Movie Theater on Friday, September 22, 1972, at which time they will view the movie Super Fly. They will then make a determination if this movie is fit to be shown in the black community. If they decide that it is not, they will picket the movie theater on the same day.

According to G. T. ALEXANDER, BILL ALLISON, who is the attorney for the "Louisville. Seven" was recently paid \$100.00, in partial payment of his fee.

On October 7, 1972, there will be a festival at the Park DuValle Projects sponsored by Park DuValle. The KBPP has been invited to attend this festival and will do so. The party plans to conduct Sickie Cell Anemia testing and to pass out literature concerning the festival. The festival begins at 10:00 AM and ends at 6:00 PM on October 7, 1972.

The free breakfast program remains operational. This week G. T. ALEXANDER, RICK OLIVER, VANESSA STOKES and HERB JONES will operate the program. Next week four others who are members of the party, will operate the program, and the following week four others. G. T. ALEXANDER has stated that he hopes to continue to operate the program in this fashion, that is, three shifts of four party members each, who will work a full week at a time every third week.

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## Black Coalition pickets at store

Pickets organized by the Black Workers Coalition of Louisville demonstrated in downtown Louisville yesterday for the fourth time this month.

Pickets were in front of Stewart's at 501 S. Fourth Street for several hours, handing out leaflets that urged shoppers not to buy General Electric or Enro Shirt Co. products.

There were protesting the firing of a black woman at General Electric Appliance Park last month and the reassignment of a black man at Enro Shirt Co. over a year ago, to a job at less pay than he was making before.

The Black Workers Coalition claims that the workers were treated unfairly by the companies involved and that the coalition's efforts to talk to officials of both companies have been unsuccessful.

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Attempts were made to contact this informant on 8/30-31/72 with negative results.

On 9/21/72, this informant advised that he knows of ROOSEVELT ROBERTS, who is associated with the Black Workers Coalition. He stated that he has seen ROBERTS in Mr. D's with an unknown Black female.

He stated that he would attempt to identify this female.

He advised that to his knowledge the Black Panthers are not frequenting Mr. D's.

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Louisville, Kentucky  
September 12, 1972

At approximately 8:00 AM on September 12, 1972, BEN SIMMONS and G. T. ALEXANDER, contacted various grocery stores and merchants both in the West and East End areas of Louisville, Kentucky, in an effort to obtain from them food supplies to be used in the Kentucky Black Panther Party (KBPP) free breakfast program which is to be initiated on Monday, September 18, 1972, at the Grace Hope Presbyterian Church in the Smoketown area of Louisville, Kentucky. Merchants contacted by SIMMONS and ALEXANDER include the following:

Monsours, 34th and Riverpark;

Whiteside's Grocery, Cecil Street and Broadway;

Clements, Cecil and Greenwood Streets.

BEN SIMMONS and G. T. ALEXANDER have been working enthusiastically throughout the Smoketown area in an effort to obtain food since the food that is collected for the KBPP free breakfast program will be expended in that area for needy children. All food received through KBPP efforts has been taken to the Grace Hope Presbyterian Church for appropriate storage until the beginning of the KBPP free breakfast program.

SIMMONS has indicated that he would like KBPP members participating in the picket scheduled for the Jefferson County Courthouse on September 15, 1972, to dress in bluejean trousers and short jackets with "Free the Louisville Seven" T-shirts underneath. SIMMONS also indicated that KBPP members should wear boots and berets if possible.

Posters and picket signs for the "Louisville Seven" support picket on September 15, 1972, are being prepared for the Southern Conference Educational Fund, Inc., (SCEF). Various community organizations have agreed to support the "Louisville Seven" picket, some of which include the Black Workers' Coalition (BWC), SCEF, Grace Presbyterian Community Center, and an organization headed by HENRI WILLIAMS known only as a repression committee. In addition to the above, there is some indication that an unknown organization from the Park DuValle area possibly headed by "FLY" OWSLEY will participate.



On September 12, 1972, a roster was observed at the KBPP Office, 3210 West Broadway, Louisville, Kentucky, on which the following names were listed representing persons visiting the KBPP Office on September 8, 1972:

HERB (JONES), CAROLLE MORRIS, VILANNE (DAVIS), VANESSA (STOKES), Sister "Africa", DORIS (JONES), JOHN STARKS, DON SPAULDING, Brother "Imania" (BENNETT).

Both the KBPP and SCEF have a roster for those persons working or visiting the office to sign upon their respective arrivals.

Although the KBPP proposed free ambulance service for needy people within the black community, this has not yet been initiated. BRUCE CONWAY, medical officer of KBPP continues to speak about same, however, no positive action in furtherance of the above objective has been taken to date.

KBPP leaders through SCEF attempted to have a sign company located in New Albany, Indiana, prepare signs for use in the "Louisville Seven" picket on September 15, 1972, however the cost was prohibitive and SCEF has decided to hand make the signs themselves, thereby assisting the KBPP in its organizational efforts to make the "Louisville Seven" picket a success ultimately bringing about the dismissal of armed robbery charges against the "Louisville Seven."

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# Policemen Exonerated Of Brutality Charges

Louisville Police officers, El Winn and S. Haynes, have been exonerated by Louisville Police Chief, Col. Alston, in an alleged police brutality complaint filed recently by Ms. Phyllis Smith of DuValle Drive. The officers were released from charges due to lack of evidence to substantiate the allegations.

Ms. Smith alleged that her left eye was severely damaged when struck by one of the two white officers during an altercation several weeks ago. Witnesses interviewed during an investigation said Ms. Smith was drunk at the 2400 block of W. Chestnut

address before police arrived, and neither officer struck the woman.

Both Winn and Haynes denied the brutality charge when interviewed by the Bureau of Inspectional Services. They stated that they were given a run to the scene on a call (woman down drunk). According to the officers, upon arrival they observed Ms. Smith lying on the porch and she appeared to be drunk. They arrested her and took her to Police Headquarters, where according to the officers, she became belligerent. Both officers denied smacking her.

It is undetermined what action, if any will be taken against Ms. Smith.

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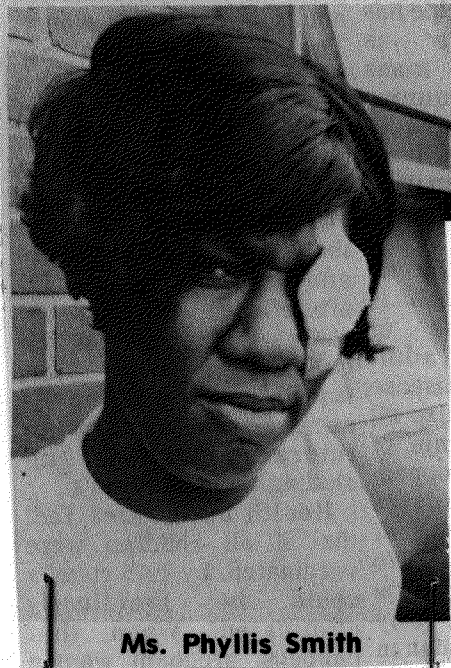
# Woman Claims Eye Loss From Police Brutality

## Black Workers Coalition Renews Fight For Review Board

By Meryl Thornton  
Defender Staff Writer

Ms. Phyllis Smith, of DuValle Drive, will enter the hospital September 17 for removal of her left eye, which was severely damaged during a recent altercation with two white Louisville police officers, E. Winn and S. Haynes.

The incident occurred about a month ago in the 2400 block of W. Chestnut.



Ms. Phyllis Smith

Ms. Smith alleges that on the night of August 7, she was sitting on the porch steps of the 2408 W. Chestnut address when an unidentified man approached her and told her if she did not get off the porch he would call the police.

Ms. Smith said that she told the man not to phone police, but to call a cab for her. The man called police.

Ms. Smith alleges that the police officers, Winn and Haynes, pushed and shoved her and one of them said, "That's the way you Black B----- are." According to Ms. Smith, she was shoved again by the officers while getting into the patrol car. Profanity was exchanged between the woman and officers. Then one of the officers (Ms. Smith is not certain which) struck her in the left eye.

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According to police reports, Ms. Smith was arrested and charged with being drunk in a public place. She was taken to jail and later to General Hospital where she underwent eye surgery.

Ms. Smith plans to file a complaint against the two officers and she has already discussed the matter with the Bureau of Inspectional Services. The officers' alleged brutality is still under investigation.

The Black Worker's Coalition (BWC) released a statement concerning its viewpoint on police brutality. Bob Cunningham, publicity chairman of BWC, said, "We of the Black Workers Coalition deplore all forms of human brutality, especially those that use our own tax money to maintain weapons of destruction

against us."

The BWC realizes the importance of having rules and laws, and therefore is not making charges against all policemen. This organization, through a number of legal means, has tried to end "these injustices against human beings."

Cunningham further stated that "because of repeated cases of police brutality through our office, we see a grave need for immediate action."

The BWC supports the passage of a civilian police review board ordinance. Many persons fear that an open violent confrontation between Black citizens and police of the Louisville Police Department will ensue if police brutality is not ended. As Cunningham put it, "Man can be pushed just so far."

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOUISVILLE (157-1219)

DATE: 9/11/72

FROM : SUPV. ROBERT E. PETERS

SUBJECT: BLACK WORKERS COALITION (BWC)

The following comments, observations and suggestions concerning the captioned matter were made during the recent inspection:

A review of your file concerning BWC (157-1219) indicates this is an unorganized group of citizens who reportedly are interested in helping to improve the overall living conditions in the black communities. Continue to follow their activities through established sources to determine if any outside extremist assistance is offered, especially from the BCSD, and if they show any propensity for advocating violence.

The following comments and instructions concerning captioned matter should be noted and followed:

We are continuing to follow this organization through our sources to determine if they have any outside influence or show a propensity for violence.

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ADMINISTRATIVE DATA:

The documents described in the enclosed are attached to the copy of this communication designated for 157-1219.

Information regarding the leafletting of the BWC mentioned in the enclosed was telephonically furnished on 8/30/72 to Detective JOHN KIRKWOOD, Police Advisory Unit, Louisville, Kentucky, Police Department.

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Louisville, Kentucky  
August 30, 1972

On August 30, 1972, BOB CUNNINGHAM, public relations spokesman for the Black Workers Coalition (BWC) of Louisville, Kentucky, held a news conference during which he alleged that the BWC was passing out leaflets in the West End of Louisville advising of a recent reported police brutality action against a black woman of the West End of Louisville. According to the information released by CUNNINGHAM, Louisville police officers on August 7, 1972, unjustifiably arrested and assaulted a PHYLLIS SMITH, a 33-year-old female residing at 3236 Duvall Drive, Louisville, Kentucky.

CUNNINGHAM made available a prepared press release and a copy of the leaflet being distributed by the BWC which leaflet asks for help in BWC's efforts to have the Louisville Board of Aldermen enact an ordinance establishing a Civilian Police Review Board.

The source said that CUNNINGHAM claimed that PHYLLIS SMITH on August 7, 1972, had left a bar at the corner of 23rd and Maple Street, with a male companion and had gone to an apartment in the vicinity of 23rd and Chestnut Street. An elderly man at that location requested that SMITH leave the apartment or he would call the police. SMITH asked the man to call a taxi. Instead, the man called the police who arrested SMITH and without cause beat her with a billy club. She was taken to General Hospital in Louisville where treatment indicated she would lose sight in the left eye as a result of the incident. Later the police charges against her were dropped.

Source questioned CUNNINGHAM regarding a statement in CUNNINGHAM's news release to the effect that there will be an open violent confrontation between the people and the police. CUNNINGHAM stated that the statement does not mean that the people will be taking guns and shooting the police or action of that nature but means that "the people will take action to resolve our own problems."

No unusual unrest because of the racial issue has been observed in the Jackson area of Louisville, Kentucky. Generally this is considered the area bounded by Liberty



on the north, Walnut on the south, Jackson on the west and Shelby Street on the east. It is an integrated area and the housing project in the area is known as the Clarksdale Housing Project. There is a bar, name not recalled, on the south side of Walnut Street between Gray and Shelby Street where a bunch of "tough young whites" congregate. There is also a liquor establishment on the corner of Shelby and Walnut Streets which is catered to almost entirely by blacks, and some friction has been noted between customers of these two establishments.

OB CUNNINGHAM  
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PRESS RELEASE

THE BLACK WORKERS COALITION DEPLORES ALL FORMS OF HUMAN BRUTALITY, ESPECIALLY THOSE THAT USE OUR OWN TAX MONEY TO MAINTAIN WEAPONS OF DESTRUCTION AGAINST US. FOR TOO LONG WE HAVE SUFFERED FROM INHUMAN ACTS OF OUTRIGHT VIOLENCE, HATRED AND BRUTALITY AT THE HANDS OF SOME OF THE POLICE IN THE BLACK COMMUNITY.

BEFORE MAKING CHARGES AGAINST ALL POLICEMEN, WE REALIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF HAVING RULES AND LAWS IN ANY SOCIETY. THE MAJORITY OF POLICEMEN IN THE COMMUNITY ARE GIVEN A JOB TO DO THAT CALL FOR BETTER TRAINING THAN THE PUBLIC REQUIRES THEM TO HAVE. [THE POLICEMEN ON THE STREET HAVE MORE

AUTHORITY OVER LIFE AND DEATH THAN DOES THE PRESIDENT OF THE U.S.A.

HE MAY AT ANY TIME OR PLACE DECLARE A COURT OF SPECIAL SESSION AND THEN SERVE AS JUDGE, JURY AND EXECUTIONER IN A DECISION OF LIFE AND DEATH.

FOR MOST BLACK PEOPLE THE DECISION IS USUALLY DEATH. WE OF THE BLACK WORKERS COALITION HAVE ATTEMPTED BY ALL LEGAL MEANS TO PUT AN END TO THESE INJUSTICES AGAINST HUMAN BEINGS. WE'VE EVEN TRIED TO SUPPORT A PASSAGE OF A CIVILIAN REVIEW BOARD ORDINANCE. NOW BECAUSE OF REPEATED CASES OF POLICE BRUTALITY FILED THROUGH OUR OFFICE, WE SEE A GRAVE NEED FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION.

THE SITUATION IS MOVING TO SUCH A POINT WHERE THE ONLY ULTIMATE RESULT WILL BE AN OPEN VIOLENT CONFRONTATION BETWEEN THE PEOPLE AND THE POLICE. WE ARE CALLING ON ALL CONCERNED CITIZENS TO LEND THEIR SUPPORT IN CORRECTING THESE INHUMAN CONDITIONS.

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# Black Woman

Beaten by Police Officers

E. Winn + S. Haynes



Help  
Black Workers Coalition in  
Supporting passage of Civilian Police Review  
Board Ordinance  
Police Brutality Must Stop!

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## Black Coalition pickets store

Yesterday, for the third consecutive Saturday, pickets organized by the Black Workers Coalition of Louisville appeared downtown.

About 40 persons picketed yesterday in front of Stewart Dry Goods Co. store at 501 S. Fourth St. For several hours, the demonstrators urged shoppers not to buy General Electric or Enro Shirt Co. products.

A spokesman confirmed that the store sells products made by both companies.

By urging people not to buy Enro or GE products, the pickets are protesting the firing of a black woman at General Electric Appliance Park last month and

the reassignment of a black man at Enro Shirt Co., 4300 Llgorn Drive, more than a year ago to a job at less pay than the worker had been making before.

The Black Workers Coalition claims that in both instances the Negroes were treated unfairly by the companies involved and that the coalition's efforts to talk to officials of both companies have been unsuccessful.

Roosevelt Roberts, coalition chairman, said yesterday that the Saturday picketing will continue at various stores until the cases of the Negro workers are settled to their satisfaction.

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Data re DANIEL WHITE and G. T. ALEXANDER

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Information in the enclosed regarding the scheduled 7/28/72 demonstration by the Black Workers Coalition was telephonically furnished to Detective CLARENCE HAWKINS, Police Advisory Unit, Louisville, Kentucky, Police Department, on 7/27/72.

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Louisville, Kentucky  
July 27, 1972

The father of DANIEL WHITE died on July 17, 1972, and a visit was made to the funeral home at about 7:30 PM on July 18, 1972. DANIEL WHITE was not seen at the funeral home, and no information was obtainable as to his current whereabouts.

During a telephone conversation with G. T. ALEXANDER on July 27, 1972, ALEXANDER stated that the local Black Panther Party would meet with news representatives at noon on July 28, 1972, at 3208 West Broadway, Louisville, Kentucky, to explain the chapter's "survival program."

BOB CUNNINGHAM, a public relations spokesman for the Black Workers Coalition (BWC) telephoned on July 27, 1972, and advised that the BWC were going to demonstrate in front of the Brown Forman Distillery in Louisville, Kentucky, commencing at 4:30 PM on July 28, 1972. The reason for the demonstration, according to CUNNINGHAM, is the recent firing by the distillery of several black employees.

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- 1 - 157-1329 (IBWC)
- 1 - 157-1503 (R. ROBERTS)
- 1 - 157-1504 (RAPIER)
- 1 - 157-1550 (SLAUGHTER)
- 1 - 157-1618 (CHILDRESS)
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On 8/31/72, source furnished information regarding the International Black Workers Congress (IBWC). This information was furnished to the Bureau, Cincinnati and Detroit via teletype on 8/31/72 and is not being included herein.

On 8/31/72, Detective CHARLES MOORE, Louisville Police Department, was alerted to the fact that the BWC planned to picket Stewart's Department Store located on Fourth Street, Louisville, Kentucky.

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Louisville, Kentucky  
August 31, 1972

The Black Workers Coalition (BWC) plans to picket Stewart's Department Store located on Fourth Street in Louisville, Kentucky. The BWC objects to the sale of Enro shirts by Stewart's because the BWC claims that Enro discriminates in terms of their hiring practices.

The BWC also plans to picket the General Electric Company at their Appliance Park plant. However, the BWC has not set a date for this picketing.

GLADYS CHILDRESS and CONNIE PRYOR have both resigned from the BWC. Neither gave a reason for her resignation. PAT (Last Name Unknown) is the new secretary at the BWC.

JIMMIE COX, who was formerly affiliated with the BWC but resigned, has reaffiliated himself with the BWC.

In addition to COX, there is an individual known only to source as (First Name Unknown) BRIGGS or (First Name Unknown) RIGGS who was also formerly associated with the BWC who has now reassociated himself.

JIMMY (Last Name Unknown) recently became affiliated with the BWC and is also a member of the Board of Directors for the BWC. He is employed in some capacity by the Colonel Sanders' Kentucky Fried Chicken Company. Recently he travelled to Lexington, Kentucky, with RON SLAUGHTER on BWC business.

MOSE RAPIER recently got a job. However, source does not know how RAPIER obtained this job or where he is working.

BOB CUMMINGS, one of the newer members at the BWC, has recently been elected to the Board of Directors of the BWC. CUMMINGS holds the position as Program Director for the BWC.

Recently the BWC was in receipt of a grievance filed by a white employee of the Philip Morris Company in Louisville, Kentucky. This white employee states in his written grievance that the Philip Morris Company is guilty of mistreating blacks who are employed at Philip Morris and that the union refuses to help the blacks in any way.

For quite some time, CAROL THOMAS was not allowed in the BWC office because many of the members felt that she was a Communist. Recently she has been allowed to visit the BWC office

and has done so, although her visits are not as frequent as they were prior to her being banned from the office.

One of the projects which still receives high priority by the BWC is the Police Review Board. The BWC still remains anxious to establish a review board and plans to work for one by publicizing any instances of alleged police brutality in the hopes that such publicity will result in the creation of a review board.

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WOODROW ROBERTS, JIMMIE COX, and an individual known only to source as J. CHANDLER, recently passed out some pamphlets for the BWC advertising various BWC functions.

BOB CUMMINGS, the Program Director for the BWC, recently wrote a letter to the warden at the State Reformatory at LaGrange, Kentucky, expressing a desire that officials from the prison meet with individuals associated with the BWC. The BWC is concerned with treatment received by black inmates at the reformatory.

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# Black workers' group pickets Penney store

By LINDA STAHL  
Courier-Journal Staff Writer

About 35 persons picketed yesterday afternoon in front of the J.C. Penney Co. store at 535 S. Fourth St. to protest the firing of a black woman at General Electric Appliance Park and to ask Negroes not to shop at the department store because it sells GE products.

However, Bill Hancock, the store's sales and merchandise manager said the store isn't selling any GE products now. He said Penney stores do sell GE appliances under the name Penncrest, but that the Fourth street store doesn't at this time.

The pickets were organized by the Black Workers Coalition of Louisville. When informed that the Fourth Street store wasn't selling GE products, Roosevelt Roberts, coalition chairman, said, "He (the store manager) can rationalize all he wants, but we came here to dramatize an issue. Other Penney stores sell General Electric products."

Asked why the pickets didn't go to GE Appliance Park, Roberts said his organization believes in "community control" for Negroes. He said picketing at Appliance Park would mean "going out in white suburbia."

"We should be in our community—the black community—where we can initiate projects and programs."

Signs carried by the pickets criticized not only GE but also the International Union of Electrical Workers (IUE), Local 761, to which many of Appliance Park employees belong.

Roberts said the two-hour demonstration stemmed from an employee grievance last month.

Miss Barbara Brown, a black who was employed at Appliance Park doing piece work for thermostats for five months and three weeks, alleged that racial discrimination resulted in her firing on Aug. 18.

Miss Brown said she was wrongly accused of falsifying daily reports on how much piece work she was doing. She said

white employees who actually were falsifying such reports weren't fired.

Miss Brown remains unemployed and is a member of IUE, Local 761.

Roberts said the coalition doesn't believe that the union can offer good representation to Negroes who work at Appliance Park and that only the coalition can.

Roberts said his requests to talk with GE officials about the firing were turned down.

A GE spokesman had this statement yesterday:

"GE regrets the picketing of downtown Penney's. We understand that the group is protesting the termination of an employee from Appliance Park. This employee was terminated for a violation of work rules. Management has reviewed the termination with both the employee and the union and feels any additional comment should properly come from one of those sources."

"GE has emphasized to the Black Workers Coalition that it is willing to consider new facts submitted by the coalition and in turn furnish such information to IUE, Local 761, the union which represents the terminated employee."

The GE spokesman added that the company believes such disputes should be handled through established channels and "not by dealing with third parties."

A spokesman for IUE, Local 761, acknowledged that the union has taken Miss Brown's grievance to the company. "The company has agreed to arbitrate. The case could be eligible for arbitration within 20 to 25 days," the union spokesman said.

Roberts said that in an effort to get blacks not to buy GE products, the coalition will continue to picket on Saturdays at various stores that sell GE products until Miss Brown's case is settled to their satisfaction. He said he didn't know which store would be the next target.

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FROM: SAC, LOUISVILLE (157-1329) (P)

INTERNATIONAL BLACK WORKERS CONGRESS (IBWC),  
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ON AUGUST THIRTY ONE, INSTANT, A SOURCE, WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST, ADVISED THAT ON AUGUST THIRTEEN, LAST, THREE BLACK FEMALES WERE AT THE MEETING OF BLACK WORKERS COALITION (BWC), AN LOUISVILLE ORGANIZATION AFFILIATED WITH THE SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC) AND DEDICATED TO ACHIEVING BETTER CONDITIONS FOR BLACK WORKERS IN THE LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY, AREA. THESE THREE INDIVIDUALS CLAIMED TO BE REPRESENTATIVES OF IBWC. WHILE BWC LEADERS SPOKE AT MEETING, ONE OF THREE IBWC REPRESENTATIVES TOOK NOTES. HOWEVER, PRIOR TO THEIR DEPARTURE ONE OF BWC MEMBERS SURREPTITIOUSLY OBTAINED NOTES.

NOTES CONTAINED EVALUATION OF BWC LEADERS  
INDICATING WHICH, IF ANY, WOULD BE APPROACHABLE BY IBWC

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IN AN ATTEMPT TO INFILTRATE BWC.

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TWO IBWC REPRESENTATIVES DESCRIBED AS MID TWENTIES, FIVE FEET EIGHT INCHES, MEDIUM WEIGHT; THIRD DESCRIBED AS ELDERLY, PERHAPS SIXTY, FIVE FEET SIX, INCHES, THIN, GREY BRAIDED HAIR.

ON AUGUST THIRTY ONE, INSTANT, A SECOND SOURCE, WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST, ADVISED THE KENTUCKY BLACK PANTHER PARTY (KBPP), A LOUISVILLE CHAPTER OF THE VIOLENCE PRONE BPP - CLEAVER FACTION, HEADQUARTERS, NEW YORK, NEW YORK, DOES NOT PLAN TO SEND ANY REPRESENTATIVE TO IBWC NATIONAL CONVENTION, ALTHOUGH INVITATION WAS EXTENDED TO KBPP MEMBERS.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

RE LOUISVILLE AIRTEL AND LHM TO BUREAU, DATED AUGUST TWENTY ONE, LAST, CAPTIONED "INTERNATIONAL BLACK WORKERS CONGRESS (IBWC), NATIONAL CONVENTION, AKA, BLACK

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# Distillery To Rehire Fired 15 Blacks

By Susan Brown  
Defender News Editor

Fifteen janitorial workers dismissed from Brown-Forman Distillers earlier this year as part of an economic cutback have been offered their old jobs back by the company.

According to a company spokesman: "Brown-Forman has offered to rehire fifteen janitorial workers in their old positions with full restitution of back pay and benefits. These janitors were involved in a personnel cutback May 30."

He further stated that "the decision to replace the janitors with a contract service was made for economic reasons only." He added that certain members of the community "have attributed other motives to this economic decision, but no racial bias was involved." He also said that "the janitorial employees have been notified to return to work today in their old jobs which they have requested."

The company spokesman emphasized that it is Brown-Forman's desire to "be completely fair in this matter and to clear up any misinterpretation in the community resulting from this personnel cutback." The company also stated that it would be willing to "talk with any of the individuals or the Black Workers Coalition concerning the decision to rehire these employees."

The Black Workers Coalition, who had taken up the case on behalf of the janitorial workers, had intended to picket the company every Thursday and Friday and launch a boycott of Brown-Forman products until some decision had been reached.

One of the major objections that the Coalition had to the firing of the fifteen workers was that these people were only given half an hour's notice and some of them had worked for the company as long as 21 years. Also, the Coalition felt that nothing had been done to try and assimilate the workers into another phase of the company.

However, a spokesman for Brown-Borman did say that the company had made every effort to rehire the workers in new capacities and had succeeded in helping several of them receive employment elsewhere.

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FROM : SA BARTLEY J. GORI

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SUBJECT: BLACK WORKERS COALITION (BWC)  
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Source's concern was that there is some significance attached to the deadline of 8/26/72, inasmuch as the Kentucky Black Panther Party (KBPP) is sponsoring a rally on that date and source is concerned that this rally will be used as a springboard for some type of demonstration directed against GE.

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Weight:	112
DOB:	[REDACTED]
POB:	Fayette County, Kentucky
Address:	[REDACTED]
Louisville, Kentucky	Louisville, Kentucky
Education:	Graduated Central High School, Louisville, Kentucky.

Source indicated he will remain alert for any type of extremist activity and promptly furnish same to the writer.

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August 14, 1972  
Louisville, Kentucky

Last week two Negro males from Rochester, New York, arrived in Louisville, Kentucky. These individuals were representatives from the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC). Source believed that one of these individuals was a minister and the other was the minister's brother. These two men met with ROOSEVELT ROBERTS and MOSCOE RAPIER and discussed the recent picketing by the Black Workers Coalition (BWC) of Brown Forman Distilleries. After discussing the situation with ROBERTS and RAPIER, the four of them then met with officials from Brown Forman, at which time an agreement was reached, and according to ROOSEVELT ROBERTS, Brown Forman agreed to rehire the blacks who had been recently dismissed.

According to ROBERTS, he was completely satisfied with the decision made by Brown Forman; however, he stated that there are other grievances which the BWC has with Brown Forman and merely because this one issue was settled, it does not preclude the possibility that the BWC will picket Brown Forman in the future regarding other grievances.

The BWC has no plans in the immediate future to conduct any further demonstrations or picketing. At the present time the BWC continues to occupy itself with making plans to establish a food crisis program. Plans are also being made to set up a workshop in the basement of the BWC office, which will be used for training young men. The BWC has also mentioned the possibility of setting up classes which will instruct the elderly as to their rights with regard to the Social Security Program.

Last week, CONNIE PRYOR resigned from the BWC.

The BWC has no plans to attend the National Convention for the International Black Workers Congress (IBWC) to be held in Lincoln Heights, Ohio, on September 2 and September 3, 1972. Both ROBERTS and RAPIER have stated that they want nothing to do with the IBWC. ROBERTS recently mentioned that the IBWC has made overtures to the BWC in an attempt to get the BWC to affiliate itself with the IBWC. ROBERTS stated that he rejected these overtures because he wants nothing to do with the IBWC and he will continue to reject any overtures made by the IBWC in the future.

LOUIS JENNINGS and ORVILLE GERTON have not been seen at the BWC office and are no longer affiliated with the BWC. Source noted that as a matter of fact, GERTON was never really associated with the BWC but happened to be arrested and to be included in the arrest of the "Dirty Dozen." On that occasion,

GERTON was really associated with individuals from the Plymouth Settlement House who were participating in the demonstration along with members of the BWC.

Source observed a photograph of [REDACTED]. Source stated that [REDACTED] is a well known sexual pervert in the black community. [REDACTED] is known to take young girls to his apartment where he abuses them sexually and allows some of his friends to do likewise.

Recently there was a slight commotion at the BWC office caused by an individual known only as WATASI (phonetic). WATASI showed up at the BWC office and took several photographs of the office, both on the inside and the outside. He then proceeded to tear down various signs which were on display at the BWC office and with a can of green paint, he sprayed an emblem on one of the BWC bulletin boards. The emblem he sprayed was the emblem used by the Nation of Islam (NOI), that is, a half moon with a star within the semi-circle of the half moon. This individual is described as 5'7", Negro male, stocky build, bald, approximately forty years old.

Neither ROOSEVELT ROBERTS nor MOSCOE RAPIER was particularly upset regarding this individual's actions because they feel this individual is mentally deranged and attached no significance to his behavior. They do not feel that he has any association with the NOI.

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in light of their interest in BERNICE JONES.

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Louisville, Kentucky  
August 14, 1972

The Kentucky Black Panther Party (KBPP) did not move back into their office at 1140 Dixie Highway on August 11, 1972, as was scheduled. They could not obtain the necessary wood which would enable them to build a wall at that office, which is a pre-requisite prior to any re-entry.

On August 11, 1972, the party held a political education class at the Southern Conference Educational Fund (SCEF) headquarters. The main topic of discussion at this class, which was led by BEN SIMMONS, was the raid on the Algerian headquarters of the Black Panther Party. According to BEN SIMMONS, BERNICE JONES called him from New York and told him everyone associated with the Black Panther Party (BPP) in Algiers had been placed under arrest by the Algerian Government. This included ELDRIDGE CLEAVER. Later, all of the party members were freed with the exception of DON COX, who remained in custody because he was in possession of some weapon, to which the Algerian Government objected.

BEN SIMMONS was extremely upset regarding the turn of events in Algeria and stated it was his opinion that there was an international conspiracy against the party. SIMMONS feels that the action taken against the party in Algeria means that the KBPP is in danger from the authorities. He warned the party members that they can expect both the local authorities and the Federal Bureau of Investigation to raid the party headquarters sometime in the near future. The following individuals were present at this meeting:

BEN SIMMONS  
JUDI SIMMONS  
BRUCE CONWAY  
G.T. ALEXANDER  
VANESSA STOKES  
CAROLLE MORRIS  
HERB JONES  
HOWARD (Last Name Unknown)  
PRISCELLA (Last Name Unknown).

With regard to PRISCELLA (Last Name Unknown), she accompanied HOWARD (Last Name Unknown) to this meeting. She is described as a Negro female, 5'10", 120 pounds, short Afro, light complexion, approximately twenty-two years old. She attends Lincoln Institute and is scheduled to return to school sometime



next week. She indicated that she will maintain contact with the KBPP after she returns to school.

On Saturday, August 12, 1972, BRUCE CONWAY, BEN SIMMONS, JUDI SIMMONS, VANESSA STOKES and G.T. ALEXANDER passed out leaflets in the Smoketown Area of Louisville regarding the free breakfast program. In addition, they circulated some petitions and obtained some signatures regarding freeing the "Louisville Seven."

On Sunday, August 13, 1972, at approximately 4:00 PM, three Negro females who stated they were representatives from the International Black Workers Congress (IBWC) arrived at SCEF. They claimed to be from Cincinnati. They stated their purpose for coming to Louisville was to drum up interest in Louisville regarding the IBWC's National Convention to be held in Cincinnati, September 2 and September 3, 1972. These three individuals asked BEN SIMMONS if he would agree to help the IBWC publicize their convention. SIMMONS agreed to help the IBWC publicize their convention.

These three individuals indicated that they had contacted the Black Workers Coalition (BWC) in Louisville, Kentucky, in the past; however, the BWC refuses to have any association with the IBWC. These individuals indicated that they are interested in establishing a working relationship with the KBPP. They indicated that they would return to Louisville towards the end of the week to have some printing done by the KBPP at SCEF.

On Monday, August 14, 1972, a leaflet arrived from New York. On the leaflet is printed a poem regarding the injustices imposed by slum lords on poor blacks. There is also a drawing on the leaflet depicting an elderly black woman standing over a slum lord whom she has just shot. New York indicated that they wanted four thousand of these leaflets printed and returned to New York to be distributed in turn to a group in New York called "The Young Lords."

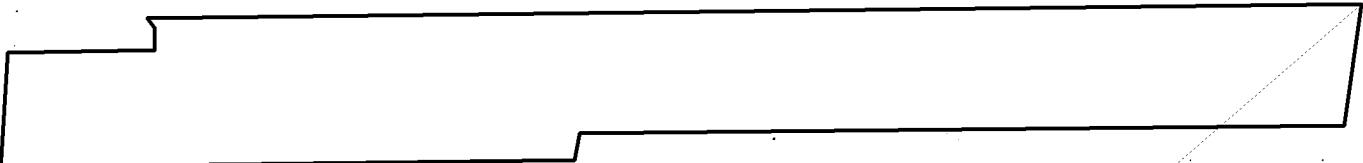
Present at SCEF on August 14, 1972, were VILANNE DAVIS, JOHN STARKS, CAROLLE MORRIS, HERB JONES, VANESSA STOKES, JUDI SIMMONS, G.T. ALEXANDER, BEN SIMMONS, and BRUCE CONWAY.

According to VILANNE DAVIS, NANCY PENICK is out of town and cannot be located.

JOHN STARKS collected ten dollars over the weekend for the sickle cell anemia testing program and presented this to the party.

BEN SIMMONS indicated that with regard to the Unity Rally

to be held in Louisville, Kentucky, on August 25 through August 27, 1972, he still expects fifteen to twenty people to arrive in Louisville from out of town. This includes individuals from Florida, Detroit, Michigan, Norfolk, Virginia, and New York, New York.



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Louisville, Kentucky  
August 7, 1972

On Saturday, August 5, 1972, the following individuals were present at the Grace Hope Presbyterian Church where the Black Panther Party was conducting a Sickie Cell Anemia testing program:

BRUCE CONWAY, G. T. ALEXANDER, JUDI SIMMONS, BEN SIMMONS, and HERB JONES.

The testing was not done inside the church, but in a van which JUDI SIMMONS had obtained from BILL (LNU), who is JUDI SIMMONS' mother's boy friend. BILL (LNU) also either works at or owns the liquor store at Shelby and Breckinridge Streets, where JUDI SIMMONS works part time. The testing lasted from noon until approximately 4:30 PM. Approximately eighty-five people were tested and the party obtained about \$25.00 in donations. BRUCE CONWAY did all the testing.

VANESSA STOKES and CHERYL DANIELS traveled to Chicago on Friday night in an automobile borrowed by CHERYL DANIELS. The purpose of the trip was to enable STOKES to visit her family.

CAROLLE MORRIS is about to be suspended from the party. In addition to MORRIS, it is anticipated that NANCY PENICK will be suspended. The subject of their suspension will be brought up at the meeting at 6:00 PM on Wednesday, August 9, 1972, at SCEF. They will be charged with not working for the party. They will be allowed to establish a defense if they so wish. The reason that MARK REED

It is anticipated that on Saturday, August 12, 1972, the BCSD will conduct their Sickie Cell Anemia testing program someplace in the West End or in the Newburg area. If it is conducted at the Newburg area, the Newburg Elementary School or the Peace Presbyterian Church will be used. It has not been decided whether the testing will be done in the West End or in the Newburg area at the present time.

Recently source encountered MARK TRABUE at the Frontiersman Bar located on 34th Street between Walnut and Madison, and apparently this is TRABUE's favorite hangout. At that time TRABUE indicated that he is with an organization called the Cobras which consists of a bunch of ex-convicts.

According to TRABUE, J. J. BOFFMAN was also a Cobra. TRABUE indicated that BOFFMAN, who was recently shot by a Louisville policeman, was the second Cobra to be shot by a Louisville policeman.

On Monday, August 7, 1972, JUDI SIMMONS was at SCEF typesetting for the current issue of "Right On". She indicated that she had been in touch with an individual named MIKE WELCH, who is connected with SCEF in some fashion. According to JUDI SIMMONS, WELCH called her on Saturday and asked if he could help the party with the Sickle Cell Anemia testing program. WELCH is supposed to arrive in Louisville, Kentucky, from Washington, D. C., on August 7, 1972. JUDI SIMMONS indicated that she has high hopes that WELCH will be able to raise some additional funds for the testing program.

Regarding the ambulance program, there has been no headway made with regard to the establishment of this program. BEN SIMMONS has ordered BRUCE CONWAY to make up some pamphlets to publicize the program.

Nothing has been done yet with regard to the establishment of a free breakfast program, other than publicizing it on the back of last week's leaflet advertising the Sickle Cell Anemia program. BEN SIMMONS has indicated that he wants a commitment from various grocery stores in the West End and East End, to supply groceries for the program. He wants this commitment prior to the opening of schools in September. SIMMONS has restated the fact that he definitely wants this program implemented before school starts in the fall.

The party had hoped to establish this program at Grace Hope Presbyterian Church, but recently learned that there is a conflict at this church, inasmuch as the church runs a day care center at the church and thus, the breakfast program cannot be conducted there. BEN SIMMONS has indicated that he is going to attempt to get another church located at Shelby and Gray Streets, at which the program can be implemented.

BEN SIMMONS stated that he still wants to have a unity rally with the "ONES" on August 23, 1972. SIMMONS indicated that he will meet with J. T. (LNU), an individual associated with the "ONES" and were finalizing the plans for this rally.

Source has recently been in touch with the individuals associated with the Black Workers Coalition (BWC), and as far as he knows, the BWC does not plan to send any representatives to the International Black Workers Congress (IBWC) national

convention in Lincoln Heights, Ohio, on September 2-3, 1972. Source indicated that it is his belief that the BWC will send no representatives because the BWC is not a political organization, as is the IBWC. Source reiterated the fact that the BWC has no contact at all with the IBWC.

Source also advised that neither the Black Panther Party or the Black Workers Coalition has any plans to attend the Congress of African People at the International Assembly at San Diego, California, on August 31 through September 4, 1972.

Source observed a photograph of MARGARET S. JOHNSON and COTTIE N. MORRISON and stated that these are the two white females who traveled from Chattanooga, Tennessee, to Louisville, Kentucky, and made contact with members of the BCSD. Source further indicated that MORRISON is the individual who stated that she worked on the national staff of the Black Panther Party in Oakland, California.

According to MARK TRABUE, NANCY PENICK has been calling Chattanooga, Tennessee, and the west coast and has been in contact with the Black Panther Party Chapters at both of these locations. TRABUE stated that PENICK calls these chapters on a regular basis. TRABUE does not know the reason for PENICK's contacts with these chapters.

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On Wednesday, August 2, 1972, BEN SIMMONS' sister and his brother-in-law were still staying at SIMMONS' apartment. The other two individuals who accompanied SIMMONS' sister and brother-in-law to Louisville were staying with G. T. ALEXANDER and VANESSA STOKES at STOKES' residence at 38th and Grand Streets. G. T. ALEXANDER has moved in with STOKES and stays there permanently.

At approximately 11:00 AM, BRUCE CONWAY and BEN SIMMONS traveled to SCEF to see if the leaflets regarding the Sickle Cell Anemia testing program on August 5, 1972, had been prepared. The SCEF printer, BILL (LNU), also known as Socratees, who is described as a Negro male, 24, 5'8", 135 to 140 pounds, very thin, with acne scars on his face, had not run off the leaflets. CONWAY and SIMMONS then left SCEF.

At approximately 2:00 PM the following individuals were at SCEF:

BEN SIMMONS, JUDI SIMMONS, G. T. ALEXANDER, BRUCE CONWAY, MARY REED, and HERB JONES.

According to MARY REED, some officers at Fort Knox had told her that they were interested in having the party conduct some Sickle Cell Anemia testing at Fort Knox. These officers wished to get together to discuss this matter with BEN SIMMONS and BRUCE CONWAY. Both CONWAY and SIMMONS expressed interest in this proposal and MARY REED is supposed to set up an appointment with the officers to finalize the plan.

HERB JONES is still planning a talent show in order to raise funds for the party. However, he is not doing very much work on it and it is source's opinion that he will not be able to bring it off.

On Wednesday night the party had a meeting at which the following individuals were present:

MARY REED, NANCY PENICK, HERB JONES, CAROLLE MORRIS, JUDI SIMMONS, G. T. ALEXANDER, VANESSA STOKES, BEN SIMMONS, and BRUCE CONWAY.



There was a heated discussion at this meeting in which MARY REED criticized BEN SIMMONS because she feels that SIMMONS has been too hard on HERB JONES. MARY REED was joined in her criticism of SIMMONS by NANCY PENICK and CAROLLE MORRIS. Although MARY REED was the first to speak up regarding SIMMONS' alleged mistreatment of HERB JONES, apparently NANCY PENICK was the instigator. Apparently MARY REED and CAROLLE MORRIS have decided to join forces with NANCY PENICK in an effort to cast doubt as to BEN SIMMONS' leadership ability. PENICK is pro-West Coast Panthers and she criticized BEN SIMMONS for being too critical of the West Coast Panthers. At this meeting CAROLLE MORRIS also criticized SIMMONS for his mistreatment of HERB JONES and also criticized both BEN and JUDI SIMMONS because it is MORRIS' opinion that the SIMMONSes do not display the proper spirit toward other party members. As an example, she brought out the fact that on one occasion she, CAROLLE MORRIS, was at SCEF and BEN and JUDI SIMMONS were eating something but they did not offer any of it to MORRIS.

In addition to this criticism, MORRIS had additional petty criticisms with regard to the SIMMONSes. On one occasion, JUDI SIMMONS and CAROLLE MORRIS almost came to blows and had to be separated.

At the present time there is definitely a rift in the party. On one side there is BRUCE CONWAY, BEN and JUDI SIMMONS, G. T. ALEXANDER, and VANESSA STOKES, and on the other side is CAROLLE MORRIS, MARY REED, NANCY PENICK, and probably HERB JONES, although JOHN STARKS and VILANNE DAVIS were not at this meeting, it was source's opinion that they would probably align themselves with the BEN SIMMONS group.

After this meeting, BEN SIMMONS, JUDI SIMMONS, G. T. ALEXANDER, VANESSA STOKES and BRUCE CONWAY, traveled to the SIMMONS apartment where they discussed what had transpired at the meeting. BEN SIMMONS was extremely upset because of the criticism that had been directed at him. BEN SIMMONS indicated that it was his opinion that NANCY PENICK, CAROLLE MORRIS and MARY REED are not functioning within the party anymore, and because of this, they are pulling HERB JONES away from the party. SIMMONS wrote a report to New York and mailed it, and in this report he included his opinion with regard to PENICK, MORRIS, REED and HERB JONES.

Source feels that one of the problems as far as CAROLLE MORRIS is concerned, is that her ego has been destroyed since BEN SIMMONS got out of jail. After the arrest of the Louisville Seven and their imprisonment, CAROLLE MORRIS became the leader of the BCSD, more or less by default. For her this was a gigantic ego trip. Now that SIMMONS is out and has assumed control of the party, her ego has suffered immeasurably. Source stated that CAROLLE MORRIS is definitely not a revolutionary and that originally her association with the BCSD came about as a result of her wanting male attention. Later it graduated to the above-mentioned ego trip.

On Thursday, August 3, 1972, BEN SIMMONS' relatives left Louisville to return to Florida. BEN SIMMONS indicated that he had an argument with his relatives on Wednesday night and they left on Thursday morning without saying good bye. At approximately 12:00 PM, BEN SIMMONS, JUDI SIMMONS, G. T. ALEXANDER, and VANESSA STOKES, traveled to LaGrange Reformatory, LaGrange, Kentucky, to see YAMOJA. YAMOJA has BEN SIMMONS listed as his brother-in-law and SIMMONS is the only one who is allowed to visit YAMOJA.

This group returned to Louisville and traveled to SCEF at approximately 5:00 PM. The leaflets with regard to the Sickie Cell Anemia testing program had not as yet been run off by the SCEF printer and BEN SIMMONS was extremely upset over this fact. The leaflets were ready to be run off on Monday, but SIMMONS could not understand the delay.

On Friday, August 4, 1972, BRUCE CONWAY and BEN SIMMONS picked up G. T. ALEXANDER at approximately 10:00 AM. They then traveled to the Louisville Surgical Supply Company where G. T. ALEXANDER wrote out a check for approximately \$15.00, for further supplies to be used in the Sickie Cell Anemia testing program. Although ALEXANDER wrote out a check from the Louisville Seven Defense Fund in the amount of approximately \$15.00, there is actually no money in that account. The only money presently in the possession of the party is an \$8.00 balance in the Black Panther Party Account.

After picking up the supplies, the three of them traveled to SCEF where CONWAY busied himself setting up type for articles which are to be used in the next issue of "Right On". None of these articles pertained to Louisville. There are several poems and there was an article regarding JOHNATHAN JACKSON, the JOHNATHAN JACKSON in the shootout in California and also an article dealing with a policeman who was arrested in Norfolk, Virginia, for selling drugs, who has since

been allowed to post bond and is back on the streets selling again.

While at SCEF, BEN SIMMONS called New York and spoke to BERNICE JONES. It was tentatively decided as a result of this telephone conversation, that after JUDI SIMMONS has her baby, which is due on September 15, 1972, BERNICE JONES will travel to Louisville and then BEN and JUDI SIMMONS will travel to New York. The purpose of this exchange of locations will be to enable BERNICE JONES to determine if Louisville is a suitable place for the national headquarters for the Black Panther Party - Cleaver Faction. BERNICE JONES feels that Louisville would be an ideal place for the national headquarters and has felt this way for some time. BEN SIMMONS concurs with this opinion. It is undecided at this time whether or not SIMMONS, if in fact the party headquarters is relocated in Louisville, will remain in New York and operate a chapter there or if he will return to Louisville. However, in the event the party headquarters is relocated in Louisville, most of the New York membership will relocate in Louisville, Kentucky.

BERNICE JONES mentioned that she wanted the security forms for VALON DAVIS and JOHN STARKS forwarded to New York. BEN SIMMONS also mentioned that he had sent her a report regarding the status of CAROLLE MORRIS, NANCY PENICK, and MARY REED.

According to SIMMONS, BERNICE JONES advised him that she, (BERNICE JONES), had been in touch with ELDRIDGE CLEAVER in Algeria. She indicated that she had been in touch with CLEAVER since the last hijacking, allegedly involving members of the Afro American Liberation Army. JONES told SIMMONS that CLEAVER said that neither he nor anyone else from the party met the skyjackers at the airport, because the Algerian Government would not allow them to do so. CLEAVER also told JONES that on a previous occasion it had been reported that he and other party members had met two skyjackers at the airport in Algeria, however, this was mere propaganda put out by the Algerian Government, and in fact this was not true. At the present time the contact between the New York Chapter and Algeria is very good. According to SIMMONS, JONES stated that for a while there had not been too much communication between New York and Algeria.

VANESSA STOKES plans to travel to Chicago to visit some relatives. She plans to fly there, this trip to be financed by G. T. ALEXANDER, who apparently will get the money for the trip from his parents. ALEXANDER does not plan to accompany her on this trip.

On August 4, 1972, the leaflets publicizing the Sickie Cell Anemia testing to be accomplished on August 5, 1972, were printed. At approximately 6:00 PM, party members distributed it at grocery stores throughout the West End.

With regard to future plans by the party, BEN SIMMONS is arranging a rally to be held on August 23, 1972, with the "ONES". This rally is going to be dubbed a "unity rally". SIMMONS will meet with some individuals associated with the "ONES" at a future date to finalize these arrangements.

With regard to the breakfast program, apparently G. T. ALEXANDER and VANESSA STOKES will work on it without the help of NANCY PENICK, and it is apparent that PENICK plans to drop out of the party. BEN SIMMONS has indicated that he would like his program implemented sometime during the month of August.

The busing and ambulance plans are currently at a standstill, although on Wednesday, August 2, 1972, BEN SIMMONS mentioned that someone called him and offered him a donation for the ambulance program. SIMMONS stated that he was going to follow up on this offer.

Nobody has been soliciting funds for the Sickie Cell Anemia program, with the exception of JOHN STARKS, who on August 4, 1972, obtained a \$5.00 contribution. The party has not received any contributions through the mail thus far.

JUDI SIMMONS has indicated that she would like to get in touch with KUYU SIMS, regarding a car wash in order to raise money for the Sickie Cell Anemia program.

HENRI WILLIAMS has not been at SCEF and has not been associating with any party members recently. The word is out that WILLIAMS has flipped on "cultural nationalism". He is currently absorbed in reading various books concerning his African heritage. WILLIAMS has stated that he has discarded revolutionary nationalism in favor of cultural nationalism. WILLIAMS now dresses in African garb and supposedly has stated that he still has his revolutionary mind, he is just thinking and operating on a different level at the present time.

JUDI SIMMONS has been contacting various lumber companies in Louisville attempting to acquire some lumber to enable the party to move back into the office at 1140 Dixie Highway. JOHN STARKS was supposed to get a truck to pick up the lumber which JUDI SIMMONS has been soliciting, however, STARKS failed to do this. The party, in addition, has not been able to get in touch with the individual who approached him in the recent past indicating that he knew a building which was going to be torn down, from which the party could get lumber. JUDI SIMMONS indicated that perhaps they may be able to use one of the Hart Battery trucks to transport lumber, and in addition, TOMMY SMITH is attempting to get a truck for the party.

BEN SIMMONS has indicated that he feels there might be some competition from the Black Workers Coalition (BWC) and from MOSE RAPIER, at least in terms of support from the general public and from terms of press coverage. He feels this way because of the recent success the BWC had in their demonstrations at the Brown-Forman Company. SIMMONS indicated that although the BWC may garner some public support that would otherwise go to the party and may get some press coverage which would otherwise go to the party, they are no threat in terms of politics because the BWC is not a political organization.

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# Speakers say unity is key to inner-city improvements

By T. C. JEFFERSON  
Louisville Times Staff Writer

Black representatives from several community organizations yesterday said that inner-city residents are going to have to band together if they hope to improve social and economic conditions in urban areas.

Speaking to about 30 incoming University of Louisville freshmen, Ron Slaughter of the Black Workers Coalition, Shelby Lanier of the Louisville Black Police Officers Organization and Stepin Neal of Stop Dope Now said everyone must be made aware of urban problems and promote measures to solve them.

"I think it's great that you people have come here (to U of L) to get a formal education," Slaughter said.

"But you also ought to go down to 19th and Walnut and get a street education. You need to go down and talk to the pimps and prostitutes to see how they think and why they do the things they do. They're people too," he said.

"I have a Ph.D. in street education and it's been valuable to me because these

are the kind of people I come in contact with everyday."

Slaughter said it's "up to us" to improve the conditions in the black community and the only way that can be done is to become economically sound.

Lanier said there is an urgent need for more black police on the Louisville police force.

"If we get more black policemen on the force, we'll get better service," he said.

Lanier said that the purpose of the black police officers' group is to work with and insure the safety of the black community.

Neal said illegal drug usage in urban centers is only one part of the drug problem.

"There are many drugs sold legally all over the city that constitute just as much of a threat to the community," Neal said, "drugs you or your parents use everyday and don't even think about."

The three speakers were part of a conference on community awareness being sponsored by the Office of Black Affairs at U of L.

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Students involved in a pre-semester workshop on community awareness are given a tour of the library at University of Louisville. The workshop is sponsored by the Office of Black Affairs at U. of L.

**Rain Doesn't Dampen**

# Blacks Picket Distillery For Firing 15

By Susan Brown  
Defender News Editor

The Black Workers Coalition will picket the Brown-Forman Distillery on Dixie Highway every Thursday and Friday at 4:30 p.m. because of the firing in late May of fifteen black workers, members of the janitorial staff, with only half an hour's notice.

According to Moscoe Rapier, member of the Coalition, "We will continue to picket every Thursday and Friday until some justifiable concessions are made as far as the black community is concerned. We feel that not only have the black

workers been done an injustice, but the black community has been done an injustice."

According to the Coalition these people were fired on 30-minute notice because the company had decided to replace them with a janitorial service. Several of the 15 had been there for 18, 21, and 23 years. Ms. Margaret Pankey, one of the fired workers, says, "I feel that they treated us wrong just giving us half an hour's notice. I have worked there for 21 years—almost have my life is gone. I just thought I would retire or die there because the pay was so good." Her plight is doubly bad, she says, because "they are not

hiring women" and Ms. Pankey is 30 years old. However, she does receive the sum of \$140 weekly from the company in the form of severance pay for the next 21 weeks.

Richard Scott, who only worked for the company four years, is also 50 years old and will have trouble finding another job too. He says he left a job bartending to come to Brown-Forman because of the benefits the company offered. Before that, he says, "I have never been a janitor in my life." Scott will receive two weeks severance pay.

According to the Coalition Brown-Forman has 2100 employees of whom only 61 are black and many of these are the "kitchen help." A boycott of Brown-Forman products is a distinct possibility at this time. "We are in the process of talking to the black business and asking their support in the boycott by taking all Brown-Forman products off the shelf. I think we can be successful with this," says Rapier.

Gardner DeWitt of the Brown-Forman Company stated that "we did make what we considered a very difficult decision to cut back in the janitorial department." He also added: "We are making every effort to place these persons in jobs at Brown-Forman as these vacancies

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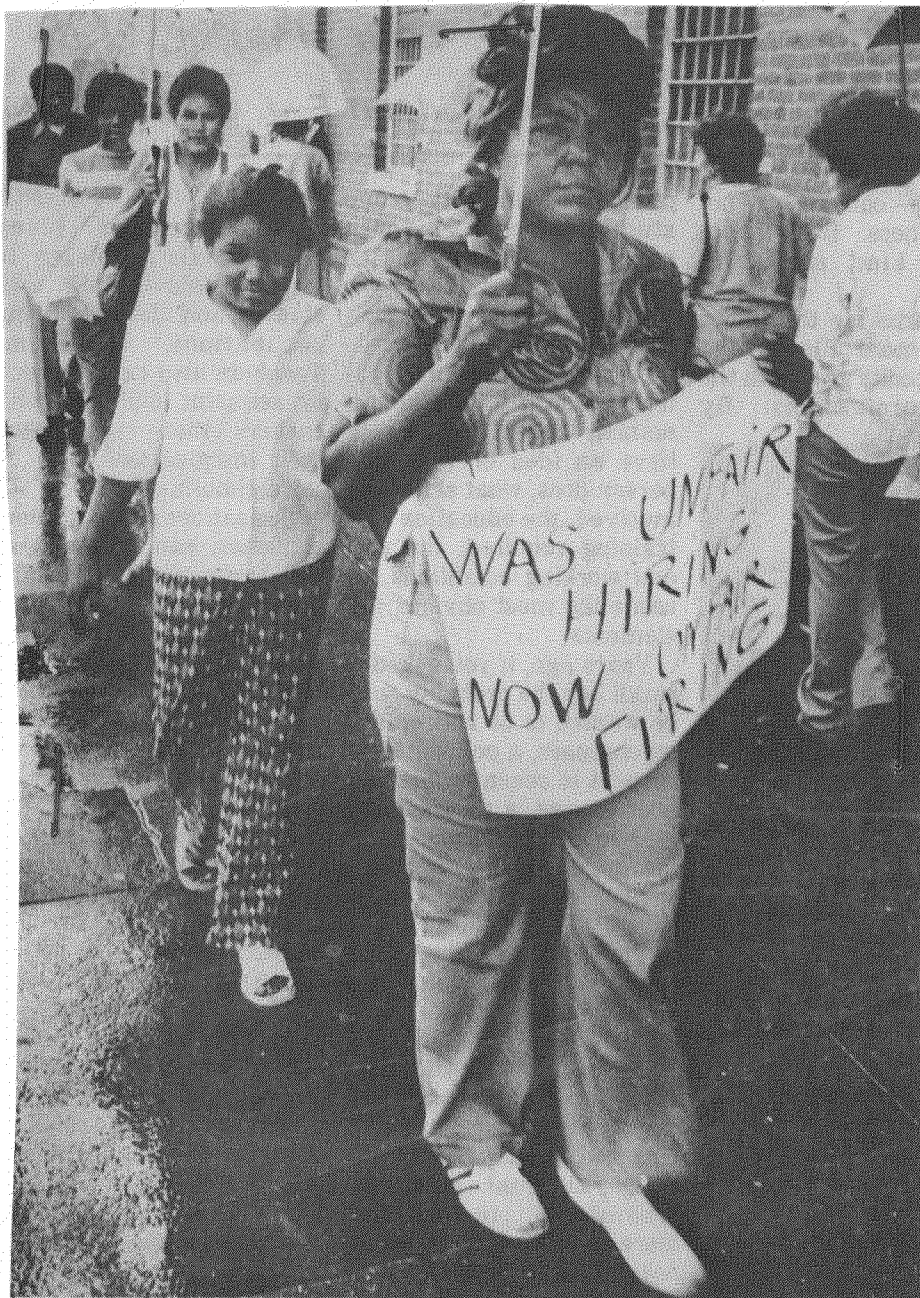
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occur." He noted the people fired had already found other employment. That this was a slow time of year for the company, but We have been active in helping them find employment elsewhere and we be picking up soon for the fall-selling season. He said have placed one or two of that as many would be them." DeWitt said that the placed as was possible as cutback was "an economic the vacancy occurred and one" and that "there are no that they "would retain racial overtones to this their seniority." He also explained that several of situation at all."

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**POURING RAIN DID NOT dampen spirits of those picketing Brown Forman Distillery in protest of the firing of 15 Blacks on half-hour notice, some who had as many as 20 years of service. Photo by Jay Thomas**

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## Protests dismissal of janitors

# Black group pickets

## Brown-Forman

By DAN KAUFFMAN

Courier-Journal Staff Writer

About 15 persons yesterday protested the dismissal of a Brown-Forman Distillers Corp. janitorial staff by picketing the company's plant on Dixie Highway.

Brown-Forman dismissed 15 black janitorial workers May 30 and contracted

with a local firm, Kenway Janitor Service, for cleaning.

Spokesmen for the Black Workers Coalition of Louisville, the group that organized the protest, said they hoped to force Brown-Forman to rehire the dismissed janitors.

A. Gardner DeWitt Jr., a Brown-Forman vice president, said, "Economic conditions dictated that this be done. It's part of a general cutback in every major area of the company."

Tom Gray, manager of external communications for the company, said the janitorial service cost less than having company employees do the job.

Roosevelt Roberts, chairman of the Black Workers Coalition, said, "They explained to us that they were doing this because it was a lot cheaper. But that's an attitude of unconcern for the individual. You can't just put an individual out on the street after she has given 23 years to the company."

The worker in the group with the most tenure was Fannie Wright, who said she went to work for the company in October 1949.

Roberts added, "Brown-Forman makes enough money that it wouldn't have hurt them to keep those 15 people on. We just can't tolerate this in the black community."

DeWitt said all the dismissed workers received severance pay, with the largest amount being about \$3,000 and the smallest amount equal to two weeks pay.

Willie McDaniels, an employee for the last three years, said, "They just called us into a room and told us they had to tell us something that they hated to say. Then they said, 'Starting now the janitorial staff is fired.' They could have at least given us some notice."

"It was a tough decision to make," DeWitt said. "Our management just feels that the severance pay that was granted constituted adequate notice."

Roberts said the Coalition, an affiliate of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, is trying to organize a boycott of Brown-Forman products. "We're also going to demonstrate on Thursdays and Fridays because black folk buy a lot of liquor on those days," he said.

DeWitt said, "It's difficult to say if a boycott would have any effect on us. But this thing is completely without the kind of thing that is usually involved in a boycott. It's completely without racial overtones; we've just cut back everywhere."

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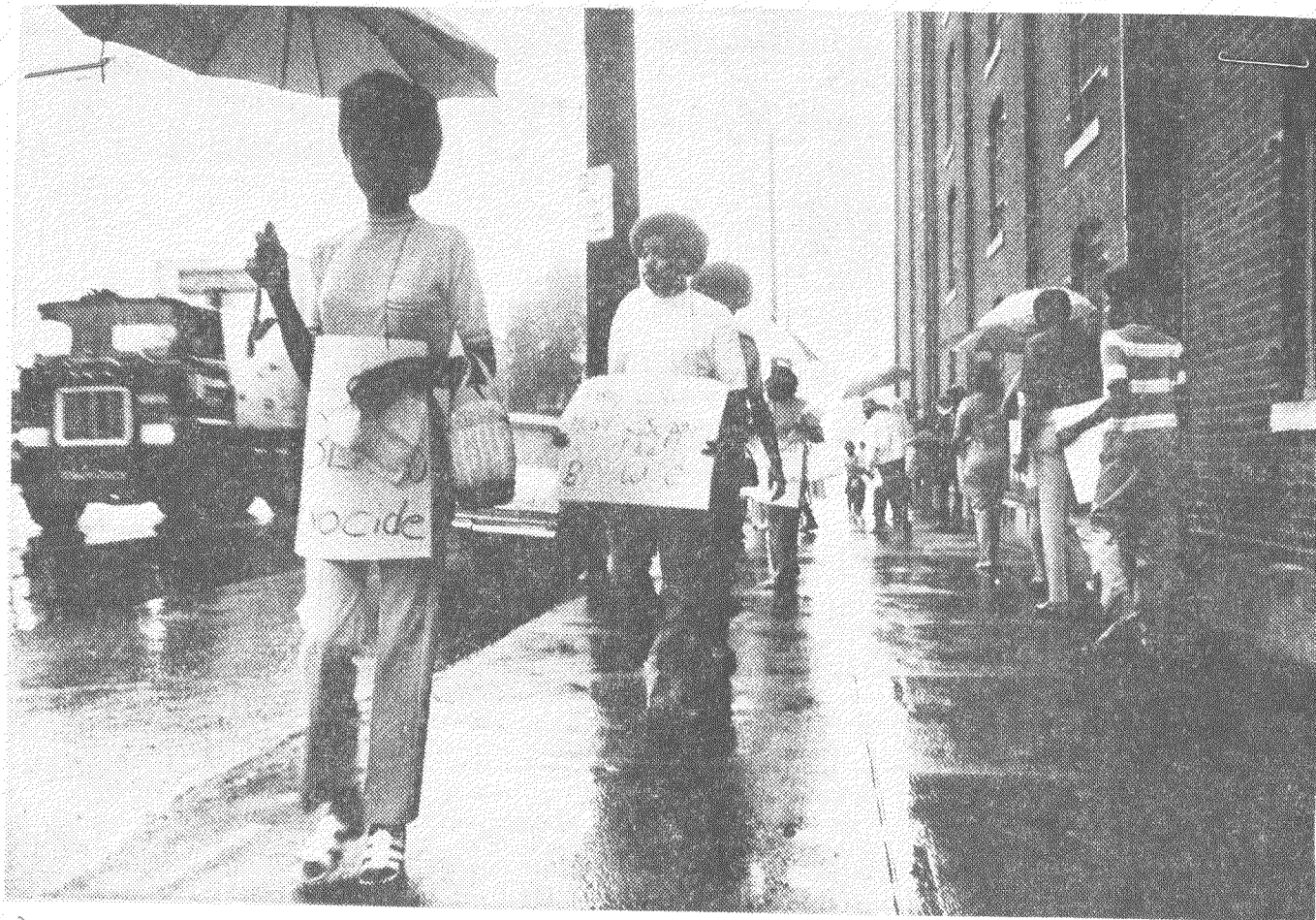


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PICKETS connected with the Black Workers Coalition of Louisville marched at the Brown-Forman Distillers Corp. plant on Dixie Highway

yesterday to protest the dismissal in May of 15 black janitorial workers from the company's work force.

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# Black janitors and backers protest quick dismissals at Brown-Forman

By CLARENCE MATTHEWS

Louisville Times Staff Writer

Vincent Churchill marched silently in the rain yesterday across the street from the general offices of Brown-Forman Distillers Corp.

He was marching to protest a decision by Brown-Forman on May 30 to replace its 15 black janitorial employees with a janitorial service. All 15, including Churchill, were either retired or dismissed.

"I think it was a very poor decision," Churchill said, wiping raindrops from his graying hair. "It put a lot of us with bills and a family to care for in bad shape."

Brown-Forman officials say the decision was economic and not racial. They said the janitorial service could do the job cheaper than their own employees.

## Manner of dismissal at issue

Churchill, who received vacation and severance pay, has been seeking employment but has not been able to find a job. He has four children, three of them at home.

He was paid \$3.65 an hour as a janitor at Brown-Forman, and now receives \$120 every two weeks in unemployment compensation.

Churchill and the others are more bitter about the way they were dismissed

than about the fact their jobs were eliminated. That is why they sought help from the Black Workers Coalition, sponsors of yesterday's demonstration at the plant.

"They (the dismissed workers) had no prior notice," said Roosevelt Roberts, chairman of the coalition. He said the employees were called in and told they were being dismissed the same day.

Roberts said the coalition met with company officials last week in an effort to resolve the controversy, but the meeting was fruitless. The coalition then decided to carry its "protest to the people" by picketing and asking blacks not to buy Brown-Forman products.

"We feel that Brown-Forman Distillers has shown complete unconcern for the welfare of these black people and the black community," said a coalition statement. "We also feel that since Brown-Forman elects to locate within the black community, the company can and should reconsider and make provisions to reinstate these people in some area of employment with the company. . . ."

The pickets passed out literature and walked in front the plant on Dixie Highway for several hours yesterday. They carried signs that read, "No Old Forrester, Drink V.O.," "We Black Folks Ain't Begging No More," and "Too Much

Enough Is Enough And Too Damn Much Stinks."

There were no incidents during the picketing.

Tom Gray, manager of external communications for Brown-Forman, said the changes in the janitorial services were part of a general plant-wide cutback.

"In practically every area of the company, there has been cutbacks," Gray added. "This (the janitorial department) is not the only department to be affected."

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limited contact with the Junta of Militant Organizations (JOMO) in connection with his BSU activities. It is also believed that ROBINSON worked as a printer for the Southern Conference Educational Fund (SCEF), for which he received monetary payment.

This matter is being RUC'd, however, sources have been instructed to remain alert for any indication that the IBWC is attempting to establish a chapter in Louisville. In the event any information is developed indicating the IBWC is making such attempts, the Bureau and all interested offices will be notified via appropriate communications.

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The International Black Workers Congress (IBWC) is self-described as "an organization of black workers and students who have joined together to further the revolutionary struggle in the United States and other parts of the world, to consolidate many existing organizations and to build unity among the revolutionary third world forces".

On February 7, 1972, a source advised that a meeting was held at the IBWC, Atlantic Chapter Headquarters, at 145 Ashby Street, Atlanta, Georgia. This meeting was led by an individual named Damu, who advised that the IBWC National Committee at Detroit had indicated that an IBWC cadre was then operating in Louisville, Kentucky.

On May 11, 1972, second source advised that James Forman, Executive Secretary of the IBWC, had indicated that the IBWC is presently active in Louisville, Kentucky.

Third source, who has daily contact with the Black Workers Coalition (BWC), in Louisville, Kentucky, has advised from April 11, 1972, through July 17, 1972, that the BWC is not associated with the IBWC and has no contact with the IBWC.

On June 15, 1972, the fourth source advised that on June 14, 1972, Theresa Bridges, an employee at the Southern Conference Educational Fund, Incorporated (SCEF), indicated that there is no connection between the Black Workers Coalition in Louisville, Kentucky, and the IBWC headed by James Forman. Bridges did indicate, however, that the IBWC did have a representative at one

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time in Louisville, Kentucky. This individual's name was Robbie Robinson, but Bridges indicated that Robinson had left Louisville several weeks ago, and that "they", supposedly SCEF, had obtained a job for Robinson in California for the summer months. According to Bridges, Robbie Robinson plans to attend the University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA) in the fall of 1972.

Southern Conference Educational Fund, Incorporated (SCEF), Louisville, Kentucky, is headed by former Louisville Communist Party, USA, members, Anne and Carl Braden. SCEF supports the New Left, black militant, and peace "movements."

"Southern Patriot" is the publication of SCEF.

On July 10, 1972, fourth source indicated that on July 9, 1972, several individuals associated with the Black Committee for Self Defense (BCSD) were at SCEF Headquarters in Louisville, Kentucky. An individual described as a Negro male, six feet tall, approximately 190 pounds, solid build, large Afro, beard, medium complexion, wearing sunglasses, approximately twenty-six years of age, appeared at SCEF and indicated that he was associated with the IBWC and that he was from Detroit, Michigan, and had recently been released from prison. This individual presented five newspapers to the BCSD members. The name of the newspaper was "The Black Workers Congress."

This individual was well informed politically, especially with regard to the IBWC philosophy. This individual claimed that the Black Workers Coalition in Louisville, Kentucky, was a "bunch of punks." He stated that the BWC totally rejects the IBWC program and that the BWC was seeking cultural nationalism while the IBWC was seeking revolutionary nationalism.

This individual remained at SCEF only for a few minutes and then departed, stating that he had to return to Detroit, Michigan.

On May 23, 1972, fourth source advised that the Black Committee for Self Defense (BCSD), a local Louisville, Kentucky, black extremist group, organized in November, 1971, for the purported purpose of combating narcotics traffic within the black community, formally affiliated itself with the violence prone Black Panther Party (BPP), New York, New York, during March, 1972, as a chapter thereof.

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INTERNATIONAL BLACK WORKERS CONGRESS (IBWC)

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The Black Panther Party (BPP) is a black extremist organization started in Oakland, California, in December, 1966. It advocates the use of guns and guerrilla tactics to bring about the overthrow of the United States Government.

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On Monday, July 10, 1972, the Black Workers Coalition (BWC) held a board meeting, which began at 4:30 PM. After the board meeting was over, the BWC showed a film regarding drug abuse. This film was shown by GLADYS CHILDRESS. Approximately fourteen neighborhood children attended this film.

On Tuesday, July 11, 1972, the BWC held a meeting for women who are on welfare. The meeting began at 6:30 PM and was called a "Mothers' Aide" meeting. At the meeting, these women were provided information on how to obtain better service from various state and federal agencies, what their legal status is, and were encouraged to bring any problems they may encounter with regard to obtaining welfare, to the BWC.

On Wednesday, July 12, 1972, there was no meeting at the BWC, however, various individuals associated with the BWC, including ROOSEVELT ROBERTS, RON SLAUGHTER and CONNIE PRYOR, were at the BWC office taking complaints. An unidentified Negro female arrived at the BWC office on Wednesday, complaining that she had purchased a car (Chevrolet) from a local agency, and the Chevrolet did not work properly. ROBERTS seemed sympathetic to this woman's plight and told her that the BWC would assist her in rectifying the situation.

On Thursday, July 13, 1972, an unidentified Negro male came to the BWC office with a grievance against the Enro Shirt Company, complaining that he had been fired unjustly. It is not known at this time whether or not the BWC will take up his cause.

On Thursday, MOSE RAPIER and RON SLAUGHTER spent most of the day at the Plymouth Settlement House.

CAROL THOMAS and ROOSEVELT ROBERTS remained at the BWC on Thursday, and CAROL THOMAS spent most of the day typing up a letter seeking donations from individuals within the black community. ROBERTS helped her with the wording of this letter.

On Friday, July 14, 1972, the BWC was scheduled to have a meeting regarding the establishment of a police review board. However, this meeting was postponed unexpectedly by ROOSEVELT ROBERTS and rescheduled for Monday, July 17, 1972.

On Saturday, July 15, 1972, the BWC held a meeting at the BWC office in the morning at approximately 10:00 AM. The

main topic of discussion at this meeting was police brutality, conditions at the Jefferson County Jail, and treatment of prisoners at the Jefferson County Jail. ROOSEVELT ROBERTS urged all those in attendance to immediately notify the BWC in the event any police brutality or mistreatment of prisoners comes to their attention.

On Sunday, July 16, 1972, the BWC held its regularly scheduled meeting. The main topic of discussion was the complaint made by the unidentified Negro female, regarding the purchase of a Chevrolet automobile from a local agency which Chevrolet was malfunctioning. ROBERTS decided that he and other members of the BWC will travel to the local agency on Monday, July 17, 1972, to discuss with the dealer the possibility of coming to a satisfactory settlement with the unidentified Negro female.

The establishment of a police review board was also discussed at this meeting.

Also at this meeting ROBERTS indicated that he and other members of the BWC had met with representatives from the International Harvester Company regarding grievances that black workers have with regard to employment at International Harvester.

According to GLADYS CHILDRESS, the BWC is still attempting to purchase an old bus, perhaps an old Greyhound bus, which will be used to bus BWC members to various meetings and demonstrations which will be held in the future.

CAROL THOMAS has complained that she is having financial problems and for the month of July, she stated she is unable to meet her rent payments. THOMAS did not say what her rent payment is but indicated that whatever it is, she only has one-half that amount.

THOMAS is not completely trusted by some members of the BWC because some of them feel that THOMAS belongs to the Communist Party, USA. None of the members of the BWC are sympathetic to the Communist Party.

Source has been unable to discover any link between the BWC and the International Black Workers Congress (IBWC). Source feels that the BWC is not, in any way, connected with the IBWC because such association would be inconsistent with BWC philosophy.

ROOSEVELT ROBERTS called Washington, D.C., and an unknown town in Tennessee on Thursday, July 13, 1972. ROBERTS desired

privacy at the time he made these telephone calls and dismissed everyone from the office, when he made the calls. Afterwards ROBERTS told RON SLAUGHTER that in the event he received a long distance call from either Washington, D.C., or Tennessee, and he (ROBERTS) was not there to receive the call, that SLAUGHTER was to tell D.C., or Tennessee to "leave things the way I told them." ROBERTS would provide no further information regarding the contents of the conversations he had with Washington, D.C., and Tennessee.



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ADMINISTRATIVE DATA:

For the information of Tampa and Knoxville, the Black Committee for Self Defense (BCSD) is a Chapter of the Black Panther Party - Cleaver Faction, New York, New York. On May 5, 1972, seven members of the Black Committee for Self Defense were arrested in conjunction with an armed robbery of Laird's Tourist Home in Louisville, Kentucky, at which time a large amount of money and jewelry was taken. After these arrests were made, the BCSD carried on a campaign calling the arrested members the "Louisville Seven" and succeeded in getting four of the seven who were arrested out of jail on bond. Prior to his arrest, BEN SIMMONS, who is the leader of the BCSD, had travelled to Texas and to Florida, where he allegedly made contact with various groups affiliated with the MALCOLM X Liberation Front. After the arrest of the "Louisville Seven" (of which BEN SIMMONS was one), these groups in Texas and Florida allegedly indicated that they would send representatives to the trial of the "Louisville Seven" to offer their support. The trial is currently scheduled for sometime in September, 1972.

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Louisville, Kentucky  
July 10, 1972

On Friday, July 7, 1972, the following Black Committee for Self Defense (BCSD) members were at the Southern Conference Educational Fund (SCEF) from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM for a meeting:

NANCY PENICK  
CAROLLE MORRIS  
VILANNE DAVIS  
VANESSA STOKES  
JUDI SIMMONS  
BEN SIMMONS  
G. T. ALEXANDER  
BRUCE CONWAY  
DORIS JEAN JONES  
JOHN STARKS  
ROBERT WARD  
HERB JONES.

At the meeting it was decided that everyone in the party will write three letters to the Jefferson County Jail. That means that each individual in the party will write one letter each to the three remaining Panthers who are presently incarcerated in the Jefferson County Jail, with regard to the armed robbery of Laird's Tourist Home on May 5, 1972. These letters will be written in an effort to boost the morale of these individuals.

On Saturday morning, July 8, 1972, at 11:45 AM, BEN SIMMONS and G.T. ALEXANDER spoke on WLOU radio program regarding the dope problem in Louisville and also spoke with regard to the efforts of the Black Panther Party (BPP) to eradicate same. The program lasted from 11:45 AM until 12:00 noon.

On Saturday, July 8, 1972, the BCSD held another meeting at SCEF. This meeting began at 12:00 noon. Those present were JUDI SIMMONS, HERB JONES, CAROLLE MORRIS, BEN SIMMONS, G. T. ALEXANDER, NANCY PENICK and BRUCE CONWAY. Each member was given leaflets regarding the dance which was to be held on Sunday, July 9, 1972, at the Red Barn on the campus of the University of Louisville. The party members, after receiving these leaflets, left SCEF and travelled to Shawnee Park where they passed out these leaflets.

LAURICE HARWELL travelled to New York via airplane on Monday, July 3, 1972. Her air fare was paid by the BCSD,

since she travelled to New York to work on the staff of the newspaper "Right On." It was intended that HARWELL would stay in New York permanently and be a part of the staff of "Right On." However, these plans went awry because LAURICE HARWELL became extremely homesick and decided to come back to Louisville. After several phone calls to JUDI SIMMONS, JUDI SIMMONS decided to allow HARWELL to come back to Louisville. However, JUDI SIMMONS insisted that HARWELL stay in New York at least until Monday, July 10, 1972, at which time JUDI SIMMONS was to wire HARWELL the money for her return flight to Louisville.

Apparently HARWELL was too homesick to wait until Monday and called her mother who forwarded the money to her enabling HARWELL to fly back to Louisville on Sunday, July 9, 1972.

After the BCSD members distributed the leaflets at Shawnee Park on Saturday, July 8, 1972, they returned to SCEF where they stayed until approximately 4:30 PM. At approximately 8:00 PM, BRUCE CONWAY, BEN SIMMONS, G.T. ALEXANDER, JUDI SIMMONS and HERB JONES, once again met at SCEF. Then they went next door to 3208 West Broadway where they observed a film with regard to acupuncture. This film was shown by a white female in her sixties named MAUDE RUSSELL, who allegedly recently returned from Red China where she had spent a considerable portion of her life. In addition to the aforementioned BCSD members, there were approximately thirty other people there. Most of these individuals were in some way associated with SCEF.

Sometime during the showing of this film, a white female described as approximately 23 years old, 5'6" tall, 110 pounds, medium length blond hair, who identified herself as KAREN (Last Name Unknown) arrived at 3208 West Broadway. She claimed that she was a member of the White Panther Party and in addition to her membership in the White Panthers was a member of the central staff of the Black Panther Party in Oakland, California. This individual claimed that she had recently arrived in Louisville from Chattanooga, Tennessee, where she is organizing a Black Panther Party for the Newton faction. KAREN (Last Name Unknown) was very antagonistic toward the Cleaver faction although she was extremely polite to members of the BCSD, despite the fact that they are aligned with the Cleaver faction of the Black Panther Party.

KAREN (Last Name Unknown) said that she would return to Chattanooga, Tennessee, on Sunday, July 9, 1972, and wanted several individuals from the BCSD to accompany her so they might observe the Chattanooga Chapter of the BPP in action. BEN SIMMONS

declined this invitation.

KAREN (Last Name Unknown) was accompanied by another white female known as MARGIE (Last Name Unknown). They were seen driving a 1972 red Volkswagen with temporary Tennessee license plate P053567C.

Present at this film was ANNE BRADEN. CARL BRADEN was not present during the showing of this film because he is presently out of town.

With regard to KAREN (Last Name Unknown) source described her as extremely political, inasmuch as she seemed to know quite a bit about the Black Panther Party and its philosophy. BEN SIMMONS did not believe that KAREN (Last Name Unknown) was associated with the Black Panther Party, and because of this, KAREN (Last Name Unknown) furnished him with a name and a number in Chattanooga, Tennessee, which she called and verified the fact that she was associated with the Black Panther Party. After making this telephone call, BEN SIMMONS seemed satisfied that KAREN (Last Name Unknown) was telling the truth with regard to her association with the Black Panther Party.

After the film on acupuncture was shown, another film entitled, "Red Detachment of Women" was shown. This film depicted how Red Chinese women invaded camps and how they proceeded to assassinate various individuals antagonistic towards their cause. The entire film was done in ballet. Source believes that this is the same film which President NIXON observed when he made his visit to Red China recently.

BEN SIMMONS indicated that three to four people from the New York Chapter of the Black Panther Party are scheduled to arrive in Louisville, Kentucky, toward the end of this month. SIMMONS indicated that they are coming to Louisville in order to help the Louisville Chapter with their work. SIMMONS indicated that he will accommodate these individuals at his apartment.

On Sunday, July 9, 1972, BEN SIMMONS, BRUCE CONWAY, G.T. ALEXANDER, JUDI SIMMONS and VANESSA STOKES met at the SIMMONSES' apartment at approximately 11:00 AM. They thereafter travelled to SCEF, arriving there at approximately 12:00 noon. At SCEF they were met by HERB JONES, VILANNE DAVIS, JOHN STARKS and NANCY PENICK.

After BEN SIMMONS arrived at SCEF and prior to being joined at SCEF by HERB JONES an unidentified Negro male arrived at SCEF. This individual claimed he was from Detroit, Michigan,

and was associated with the International Black Workers Congress (IBWC). This individual also indicated that he had recently gotten out of prison. He asked to see HERB JONES, indicating that he had some previous association with JONES. While at SCEF, this individual gave BEN SIMMONS five newspapers named "The Black Workers Congress." This individual is described as a Negro male, six feet tall, approximately 190 pounds, solid build, large Afro, beard, medium complexion, wearing sunglasses, approximately 26 years old.

Source advised that this individual was well informed politically, especially with regard to the IBWC philosophy. This individual claimed that the Black Workers Coalition (BWC) of Louisville, Kentucky, were a "bunch of punks." He stated that the BWC totally rejects the IBWC and that the BWC was seeking cultural nationalism while the IBWC was seeking revolutionary nationalism.

BEN SIMMONS obviously liked and respected this individual and prior to departing, this individual and SIMMONS agreed they would meet again and discuss the IBWC philosophy and discuss the possibility that the BCSD and IBWC might do some work together. This individual stated that he would help the BCSD in any way he could. This individual left before HERB JONES arrived. He indicated that he had to leave apparently to return to Detroit, Michigan.

Shortly after this individual left, BCSD members travelled to Shawnee Park where they again passed out leaflets concerning the dance which was to be held at the Red Barn that evening.

Upon returning to SCEF at approximately 1:30 PM, BEN SIMMONS made a long distance telephone call to St. Petersburg, Florida, to the MALCOLM X Liberation Fund. He spoke to an individual identified as BEN (Last Name Unknown). SIMMONS discussed the case of the "Louisville Seven" and stated that he will send the MALCOLM X Liberation Fund in St. Petersburg literature outlining the facts of the case. BEN (Last Name Unknown) indicated that he still plans to travel to Louisville, Kentucky, to attend the trial of the "Louisville Seven." The trial is scheduled in September, 1972. SIMMONS indicated that he would like BEN (Last Name Unknown) and others from the MALCOLM X Liberation Front to arrive in Louisville prior to the trial. BEN (Last Name Unknown) was non-committal concerning this request. SIMMONS indicated that he is expecting a large turnout of supporters of the MALCOLM X Liberation Front, not only from St. Petersburg but also from Texas as well.

On Sunday, July 9, 1972, BEN SIMMONS made a long distance telephone call to New York and spoke with KATARA. KATARA indicated that LAURICE HARWELL had put on a "horror show" while in New York, inasmuch as she cried most of the time and made numerous long distance telephone calls to Louisville, Kentucky, due to her severe case of homesickness. KATARA indicated that HARWELL was completely useless to the party while in New York.

SIMMONS requested that the party send fifteen hundred to two thousand issues of "Right On" to Louisville. The papers are expected to arrive in Louisville sometime this coming week.

CAROLLE MORRIS was not at the BCSD meeting on Sunday because her grandmother objected to her activities with regard to the BCSD. It is not known at this time whether or not this will have any effect with regard to any future activity of MORRIS.

REGINA and LAURICE HARWELL's mother also objects to their association with the BCSD. According to BEN SIMMONS, Mrs. HARWELL arrived at his apartment at 8:00 AM on Friday, July 7, 1972, and cursed out BEN and JUDI SIMMONS for influencing her daughters. Mrs. HARWELL claimed that JUDI SIMMONS had brainwashed her children and that it was mainly JUDI SIMMONS' fault that they were mixed up with the BCSD.

JUDI SIMMONS has indicated that she received a letter from a party member in Algiers sometime last week. The letter requested information regarding the "Louisville Seven". JUDI SIMMONS indicated that she replied to the letter and sent several pamphlets explaining the plight of the "Louisville Seven."

BEN SIMMONS, BRUCE CONWAY, G.T. ALEXANDER and possibly JUDI SIMMONS plan to travel to Chattanooga, Tennessee, Friday, July 14, 1972, to see what progress the Black Panther Party has made in Chattanooga. They plan to leave sometime on Friday night after BRUCE CONWAY gets home from work and then to return on Sunday, July 16, 1972. They plan to use G.T. ALEXANDER's Volkswagen to make this trip.

With regard to the BCSD-sponsored dance at the Red Barn on the campus of the University of Louisville, held on July 9, 1972, this affair was completely unsuccessful. The only BCSD members who showed up were BRUCE CONWAY, BEN SIMMONS, G.T. ALEXANDER, VILANNE DAVIS, JOHN STARKS, VANESSA STOKES, LAURICE HARWELL, JUDI SIMMONS, NANCY PENICK and HERB JONES. The band cost the BCSD \$100.00 while they did not take in over \$50.00 in ticket sales.

JOHN STARKS has indicated that he probably will join the party although he is undecided at the moment. He stated that he is going to try to kick his drug habit before he makes a definite decision.

The BCSD is thinking about holding a dance in Harrodsburg, Kentucky, sometime in August. Harrodsburg is the hometown of VANESSA STOKES and she has indicated that she feels Harrodsburg would be a good site to hold a dance which would bring in much money for the "Louisville Seven Defense Fund."

DORIS JEAN JONES was at the dance and performed with the band. Her stage name is "AFRICA" and she danced on stage several times. There were no incidents at the dance.

Source has indicated that although the dance was ostensibly sponsored by the Committee for Survival, in fact, the dance was sponsored solely by the BCSD. As indicated on a prior occasion by source, the Committee for Survival is merely a name dreamed up by JUDI SIMMONS in the hope that the public will get the impression that there is more than one organization interested in raising funds for the defense of the "Louisville Seven." The Committee for Survival thus has nothing to do whatsoever with any organization at the University of Louisville.

VILANNE DAVIS indicated that she spoke to DON SPAULDING on the telephone sometime last week, and she gave the impression that SPAULDING is no longer interested in being a member of the party. BEN SIMMONS indicated that he is not too concerned with this fact. He stated that he will not attempt to persuade SPAULDING or any other former member of the party to return to the fold. However, SIMMONS felt that in the event any of the former members wished to return to the party, he will welcome them back.

SIMMONS indicated that the underground tactical force will not be reactivated at this time. SIMMONS intends to concentrate on restructuring and revitalizing the aboveground portion of the party at the present time.. He stated that after the trial of the "Louisville Seven", he will begin to think about restarting the underground tactical force of the party.

There has been no talk of acquiring any weapons for the party, nor has there been any talk of taking any moves; however, at the dance on July 9, 1972, source observed G.T. ALEXANDER carrying a .38 revolver and BEN SIMMONS carrying a .32 revolver.

VANESSA STOKES presently is employed at the telephone company as a night operator.



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Louisville, Kentucky  
July 10, 1972

Source advised there is a new board member on the Black Workers Coalition (BWC) Board of Directors. His last name is BRIGGS; first name unknown.

Source has observed that RON SLAUGHTER and MOSE RAPIER have been hanging around together quite a bit. Recently SLAUGHTER mentioned that he is going to try to convince the BWC to buy a van which would enable the BWC to transport many of its members from one place to another.

On Saturday, July 8, 1972, a group of spiritual singers arrived from New York and performed in concert. This concert was sponsored by the BWC.

CAROL THOMAS has been by the BWC office on several occasions and has been attending most of the BWC meetings.

The BWC has not shown any movies lately. Source attributes this to the fact that GLADYS CHILDRESS is out of town. Source does not know where CHILDRESS is however.

The BWC has discussed the possibility of picketing Levy Brothers because Levy Brothers sells Enro shirts. The BWC claims that Enro discriminates against black workers. The BWC is undecided if they will picket Levy Brothers or once again purchase shirts from Levy Brothers and return them at a later date claiming that they cannot, in good conscience, retain the shirts because of the discrimination by Enro.

The BWC has also discussed the possibility of picketing Brown and Williamson. However, all of these plans are indefinite. Apparently the BWC's plans with regard to establishing a grievance committee at Ford has cooled off somewhat. The grievance committee is still discussed at the BWC but not with the same enthusiasm as before.

MOSE RAPIER has mentioned that he is not eligible to be hired at International Harvester because he is considered to be a troublemaker by the supervisors at International Harvester.

Recently MOSE RAPIER was arrested at an aldermatic meeting at which a vote was taken with regard to a civilian police review board. According to RAPIER, it was actually RON SLAUGHTER who should have been arrested. RAPIER's account

of the incident is as follows:

Both he and SLAUGHTER had tickets to get into the meeting. As they approached the door of the aldermatic chamber, a policeman asked SLAUGHTER for his ticket. SLAUGHTER became annoyed and flicked his ticket at the policeman, hitting the policeman in the nose. The policeman became annoyed and engaged in a heated dispute with SLAUGHTER. RAPIER then intervened wanting to terminate the verbal battle and proceed into the aldermatic chamber. The policeman became angry with RAPIER, and they became engaged in a verbal battle, which resulted in the arrest of RAPIER.

RON SLAUGHTER currently has financial problems inasmuch as his automobile is in the garage and he cannot get it out because he does not have enough money. SLAUGHTER also owes much money in back payments to his wife, whom he owes support.

Source has heard nothing or observed nothing which would indicate that the BWC is in anyway connected with the International Black Workers Congress (IBWC).

Source advised that the BWC's youth program has faltered badly. Originally, the BWC had some elaborate plans with regard to their youth program, especially for this summer. However, none of the plans have gotten off the ground. At the present time, most of the youth associated with the BWC merely sit around the BWC office during the day drinking and playing cards. Source attributes this to the fact that GLADYS CHILDRESS has been out of town and also due to the fact that RON SLAUGHTER has apparently lost interest in the youth program.

Source recently had heard (First Name Unknown) HAYCRAFT make the statement that he, HAYCRAFT, and LOUIS JENNINGS recently travelled to Chicago, Illinois, for a Nation of Islam convention. Source gained the impression that HAYCRAFT and JENNINGS are very good friends.

Source has recently observed several issues of the "Right On" scattered about the BWC office. Source does not know how the BWC obtained these copies of "Right On."

Source describes [redacted] as a very nervous individual. She was always taking tranquilizers and on various occasions she appears to be affected by these tranquilizers inasmuch as she gets very tired and at times incoherent.

Currently there is friction between the BWC and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP).

Source believes the friction began when the NAACP requested the BWC to provide the NAACP with young people to help the NAACP picket various A & P Stores in the Louisville area.

Source has observed ROOSEVELT ROBERTS carry a gun lately. This is the first time source has observed ROBERTS with a weapon. ROBERTS indicated that he began carrying a gun because he fears that LOUIS JENNINGS will try to attack him again and he wants the gun for protection against JENNINGS.

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SAC, LOUISVILLE (157-617) (C)

7/13/72

SA BARTLEY J. GORI

BLACK STUDENT UNION (BSU)  
UNIVERSITY OF LOUISVILLE  
EM - BSU

On 7/10/72, [redacted] provided a copy of a publication, "Habari Gani", which source obtained at the Black Workers Coalition (BWC) Office. The publication contains several articles written by individuals who are of investigative interest to this office. The publication has been appropriately marked for clipping and indexing purposes.

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# Memorandum

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TO : SAC, LOUISVILLE (157-1219) (P)

FROM : SA BARTLEY J. GORI

SUBJECT: BLACK WORKERS COALITION (BWC)  
EM

DATE: 7/13/72

On 7/5/72, [redacted] provided the attached report re the West Louisville Medical Center, Inc. Source obtained this report at a BWC meeting on 7/2/72, at which time the BWC was passing out the report to interested parties. The BWC advocates the establishment of a medical center in west Louisville.

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WEST LOUISVILLE MEDICAL CENTER, INC.

Ambulatory Care Resource Identification and Planning

- I. Identify health care resources in local service area ie., the target areas of California, Russell, Portland and Shawnee as defined by the Louisville-Jefferson County Community Commission.

As a community, the Louisville area has a great many facilities and individuals in the health field. The problem is distribution. Jefferson County as a whole has one physician for each 1,000 population but all these physicians are not in practice. Some are part of the medical school faculty and staff. Furthermore, Louisville acts as a health center for a much larger region of 1.5 million population scattered over 10,000 square miles. There are more physicians and facilities in the total region but the ratio of physicians to population is probably more like a 1 to 2,000 level average. The population per physician in the target area proposed for the new health service is one to 4,823 and indicates an over-

all condition that requires rectification.

The following medical and dental facilities are available in the West End at present:

1. Primary care physicians to population.

16/77,170 = 1 per 4,823 population

2. Physicians in specialty practice.

3/77,170 = 1 per 25,723 population

3. Dentists in general practice.

17/77,170 = 1 per 4,540 population

4. Dentists in specialty practice.

1/77,170

5. Allied Medical personnel to physicians.

Average 3 per physician

6. Allied Dental personnel to dentists.

Average 2 per dentist

7. Ratio of nurses to hospital beds

- no hospital beds as such
- 184 rest or nursing home beds in area
- nurse ratio therefore indeterminate

8. Paraprofessional personnel indeterminate.

There are four well-baby and immunization clinics



active on a part-time basis in the target area. Visits of residents to clinics outside the area are difficult to identify. The attached map shows the distribution of hospitals in Louisville.

Transportation presents the greatest problem in getting from the various areas under study to the main medical center. Buses will focus on downtown, which lies between the areas under study and the medical center. Fares are 45 cents each way and services are not that frequent on all lines. There has been initial conversation regarding special buses that would run between major housing units for the elderly and the medical center, however, there is little likelihood that this new transportation would be available in the near foreseeable future.

Service hours for health care vary depending upon the nature of the clinic. The emergency room is open on a 24 hour basis when other services are not. Recently the hours for the venereal disease clinic were moved from school time hours so as to be open later and therefore more available to those youngsters who are in school but need the services of that clinic.

There are three nursing homes in the area with 13,140

and 30 beds respectively. "Homes" that have less than three persons do not require a license and although they exist to serve certain needs, the number of beds available in such personal care homes varies and are extremely difficult to count or even to estimate.

Louisville has been designated for participation in the Pilot Cities program. It also has been the recipient of funds from the Office of Economic Opportunity to develop a Neighborhood Health Center in the Park DuValle Area. There is a Children's and Youth Project operating under the auspices of the University of Louisville, a mental Retardation program and a Family Planning Activity. The above comprised the bulk of medical services available to the needy families in the greater Louisville area.

- II. Establish a group representative of the service area community to function as an advisory committee for developing an organized ambulatory care program.

As indicated by attached letters, a nucleus group has been contacted by working with the various neighborhood organizations and institutions. Plans are being

made to have the organizations appoint representatives to serve as an advisory committee for the Health Center. The advisory committee will consist of equal representation of professionals, consumers and citizens at large.

See attached letters from organizations and institutions in exhibits.

III. Outline a service plan for coordinated ambulatory care in the service area reflecting potential service sites, service costs and coordination with available back up services.

Physicians staffing the Center will function as a team working with other individuals in the health disciplines, and sharing responsibilities for the development of comprehensive family centered health services on an ambulatory basis. Services will be provided not only at the Center, but outreach programs will provide support services in the home, in long term care facilities, and hospitalization for beneficiaries of the program. Emergency service will be an integral part of the total health package. Appropriate arrangements will be made

for providing services and specialties not represented among the Center staff by referring individuals to recognized specialists in the needed discipline, or to appropriate agencies and clinics within the community which offer specialized services. The physicians at the center will have responsibility for arranging necessary hospitalization for members of the program and for following treatment of hospitalized patients. The administrative services of the Center will make arrangements for the payment of hospital bills.

The program of the Center will include preventive services for adults and children; diagnostic and therapeutic services on site; continued care for chronic conditions, care at home, in the office and in the hospital; and arrangements for special care such as rehabilitation, home nursing, and other components of a comprehensive health program. Services will be available on a 24 hour basis, seven days a week. Standards which will assure the highest quality of medical care and sound methods for providing continuity of care will be developed with the cooperation of leaders in the field of medicine in the Louisville area.

Health services must not only be made available, they also must be made accessible. Transportation is a key deterrent to utilization of health services. Preliminary negotiations with the Park DuValle Neighborhood Health Center indicate the potential for a shared transportation network which would provide the mechanism for complimentary supplementation of services at both facilities.

Teams of physicians will be organized with a sharing of the medical records in order to implement the comprehensive family approach to medical care. Records will be transferred from one service site to another as the need arises. Conferences, peer consultation, and outside consultants will be used to reach goals in problem cases. Service cost will be on a per capita basis which will be determined during the organizational phases and prior to opening the center for service. The Park-DuValle Neighborhood Health Center located in a poverty area of West Louisville has found that an average patient visits the Center five times a year. If our data proves this to be true, we will use Capitation of the average number

of visits per year, and the cost of the visits to determine our service cost.

Coordination with back-up services present no problems in view of the fact that each physician will hospitalize and treat patients needing hospitalization. The patients medical record from the Health Center will go to the hospital with him and return to the Center for follow-up care.

The service sites will be determined in conjunction with proposed advisory committee, but will be accessible to transportation and the geographic location of the citizenry to be serviced. Coordination with the transportation component of the Park DuValle Neighborhood Health Center has began to reach the Center by bus or car.

- IV. Identify potential financing for developmental and operational aspects of an organized ambulatory care program including: local resources, third party coverage and federal grant support.

The financing of this program will eventually be

predominantly prepayment. During the initial phases of planning, the individual practitioners will continue to see their respective patient panels, receiving reimbursement on their usual reimbursement schedule of fee-for-service. When the program is developed, however, it will be marketed to organized employee groups on a prepayment basis. In addition, efforts will be made to negotiate with the Medicaid and Medicare program on a capitation basis for provisions of care to recipients of these services.

The Health Center itself will be constructed and financed through private funds, the principle and interest to be repaid over a specific period of time from funds recovered in the program. Current plans call for attempting to construct the Health Center under the HUD guidelines for group practice facilities.

- V. Link the program with other local agencies having related health concerns and/or manpower and clientele resources.

Referrals into the Health Center will be accepted from all local agencies with appropriate follow-up and

feed-back of information. Working relationships will also be established which will allow the Health Center to make appropriate referrals to local agencies with appropriate feed back as needed. The local Health Department's well-baby and immunization clinics will be encouraged to use the Center when appropriate for follow-up services, the Health Department can not offer.

Physical examinations and appropriate treatment will be planned in conjunction with the Board of Education in terms of Head Start, follow through and other programs where early diagnosis is the most beneficial. The local Community Action Commission's Manpower Division has faced problems in being able to provide medical certification for placement of consumers in employment. The Health Center will work with the commission in providing this service as well as appropriate treatment when indicated.

Frequently, the local hospitals finds it difficult to arrange for community follow-up of discharged patients.

The Health Center will work with each hospital to alleviate this condition.



## THE PATIENT, THE CENTER, AND THE PHYSICIANS

(Can They Be Brought Together?)

### IDEA OF THE PAPER

I am struck with the vast difference between the needs and desires of the consumers of Western Louisville, the requirements and demands of a Washington based concept, and the needs and desires of physicians in the area. All three are asking for change, but different types of change to accomplish different needs. I want to get these down before I explore mutual goals and objectives to serve that group.

### THE PATIENT'S VIEW

NEED: From the consumer's point of view, his health is not a concern until he is sick or at a crisis stage. At that point, in West Louisville, he has few existing options. He would desire an accessible full service center in his community, run by his community, and charging fees he could afford or at least equal to rates downtown. He would desire a one-to-one contact with some type of technician (ie. Doctor) that he would know and could see at every visit, and from whom he could be introduced to other technicians, (ie. Dentists, Social Workers, Counselors). He would desire a total system he could enter that would be ready for his admission to inpatient hospitalization, specialists, or regular diagnosis and treatment.

He also sees his neighbors in ghetto conditions that led them to more sickness, illness, and injury than richer "White" suburbs, and he is angry and envious. He is angry he's offered care in facilities whose main purpose is to train physicians - not to serve him. He is angry that his skin or his income level will prevent his neighbor from having the opportunity and encouragement to serve as a physician or nurse without a great effort on their part.

However, he feels that he does not have the power, influence, or money to make the changes he desires. Although he realizes the combined patient medical expenditures, of some 75,000 residents in the West End would be stronger than any grant Washington could produce, he can't see where the start-up costs or cooperative base would be developed. He's also somewhat unwilling, after so many years of lies and promises to prostitute himself again to Washington with their definitions of what is best for him, and needed in his community.

And at the same time, he sees the planning of any center or facility takes a lot of skills and a lot of time he can't invest.

### THE WASHINGTON VIEW, OR OUTSIDER

With many programs and concepts, the outsider believes there is a way to bring medical service to any underserved population. Service is essential, for statistics and group figures prove the total West End has some of the worst health conditions in the county. The conditions he will not change: bad housing, no heat, poor nutrition, unemployment, demoralizing segregation. But he wants to help others, do it himself, or whatever, and work on a program to get medical service to the people where it is accessible. He will emphasize preventive care. He will emphasize utilization of all services in the community, including Memorial Hospital, GLOH Clinics, PH Clinics, and all other services. He will emphasize such centers would be the community's all folks, from rich and poor.

He will contend physicians are no longer Gods, but at the will of the community. A family physician is like a public official - in trying to serve his patients (now consumers with no significant role), the consumer's needs and desires come first - not the physicians.

To finance this venture, the outsider will prove it is cheaper to centralize. It is also cheaper to have predictable costs. An accountant's dream is to know how many patients will come in a month, and for what, how many drugs will be used, how much money will be spent on salaries. He will emphasize preventive care, because crisis orientation is very expensive. The Family Health Center is to be built on capitation and on prepayment models.

The outsider will suggest the physician should work in teams of multi-disciplined fields, and all professional join in group practice - for cost efficiencies - and contract with a consumer-run and paid for center for their services.

Finally, the outsider will make these suggestions because he sees that they have worked in other communities and situations, he can "prove" they work, and he will not offer money for any other type of models.

#### THE PHYSICIANS' VIEW

The physician is a pivot man. He sees all sides. He sees and knows his community - medically, socially, and culturally. He knows the great need in his area for more services. He wants help - help in terms of more physicians in his area to reduce his patient load, help in terms of more aides in his office to do less skilled tasks he now must perform, and help in terms of a less expensive way to get his lab work done, x-rays, and wasted time with heavy administrative work.

He occupies the role of a physician. It is ingrained in him to have complete freedom in his methods of diagnosis and treatment. He desires freedom in working hours and working conditions. He wants the right to decide how much his services will cost.

He sees there are different types of physicians. There is the money grubber, a physician who serves mankind with maximum economic and social return. There is the state physician, who serves at hours, wages, and under conditions dictated by someone else. There is the private physician, who serves all in his community, under his conditions, wages, and hours. The physician prefers one way.

He sees there are different ways to deliver services. There is the private office, the clinic, the hospital, the cooperative group practice, the plan, and the government programs. He prefers one way.

In truth, he has the option of the location of his office, his fee schedule, his hours, those he will serve, his referrals, his back-up facilities, methods of diagnosis and treatment, etc... No one can take those options away from him, and he can choose how he wants to serve as a physician.

## CONCLUSIONS

These viewpoints of the various types of people are all valid and built in folks. To ask Washington to adapt it's ideals to those of the physician is as difficult as the physician to adapt his ideals and methods to those desired by the patient. But the health crisis, in terms of rising costs, forced fee or insurance options, and deteriorating health environments, will pressure the consumer, the physician, and Washington to make some changes in the method of delivering service, paying for services, and the way each type treats one another.

I feel change will and must come, and we adopt what the physicians want now, and expand, over time, the services to be delivered.

## A COUPLE OF TRUTHS

1. To serve 75,000 residents at a ratio of 1-2000 patients, one would need at least 40 physicians, with three (3) paraprofessionals per doctor, four (4) administrative back-up people - you'll talking a center of some 300 people to cover primary ambulatory care. That does not include lab, x-ray, transportation, or back-up medical services.

(With six (6) physicians as a starting base, do you want to attract and bring in that many doctors? Is your base of 75,000 too high?)

2. The Family Health Center is built around the idea of prepayment, salaried physicians, group practice, primary ambulatory care, direct service.

I. Statement of Need

Health

Ratio of GPs, Dentists, paraprofessional to patient load

II. Demographic Data

Boundaries

Population

average household

sex distribution

income distribution

age distribution

racial distribution

employed (where)

Housing

III. Planning Sponsor

History

IV. Concept of Developmental Phase

Goal/Objectives

V. Concept of Operational Facility

Goal / Objectives

VI. Methods of Procedures

Staffing

Functional Tasks

VII Breakdown of Eligible Populations

Who covers them now

Income distribution

% medicaid, medicare; prepayment, (union, government)

VIII Resources Available

IX. Organizational Structure

A. Board-----Foundation (composition, functions)

B. Administrative Component

Personnel/Training

Enrollment  
Medical Plan

Medical Services Component

Services--options

Routine, acute care  
Routine, preventative care  
24 hr Emergency  
Physical Therapy  
X-Ray  
Laboratory  
Pharmacy  
Mental Health, Mental Retardation

X. Description of Service Package

Care in doctors office

Diagnostic, Treatment  
Preventative

Home Care  
X-ray and Lab  
Ambulance Service  
Obstetrical services  
Dental  
Hospitalization  
Extended Care

XI. Community Participation Mechanism

Consumer involvement

Job Description    Job Slots

Qualification  
Basic Function  
salary ranges  
Chain of command, responsible to supervisor

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On Monday, June 26, 1972, ROOSEVELT ROBERTS, CONNIE PRYOR, RON SLAUGHTER, MOSE RAPIER, and WOODROW ROBERTS were all at the Black Workers Coalition (BWC) office. They remained there most of the day, taking grievances from various black workers.

On Tuesday, June 27, 1972, MOSE RAPIER and RON SLAUGHTER were at the BWC office along with several nuns.

On Wednesday, June 28, 1972, there were several members of the BWC present at the BWC office. They engaged in making telephone calls from long lists of names. Source does not know the purpose of the calls.

On Thursday, June 29, 1972, there was a meeting at the BWC office with BWC members and with several unknown black women whom source has never seen before. At this meeting, the police review board was discussed and the BWC, along with these unidentified black females, will attempt to revive interest in establishing a police review board.

On Friday, June 30, 1972, the BWC held a board meeting.

On Saturday, July 1, 1972, the BWC once again held another board meeting.

Source has learned that ORVILLE GERTON is presently in jail.

On July 1, 1972, an unidentified black male arrived at the BWC office and asked ROOSEVELT ROBERTS if he would make GERTON's bond. ROBERTS indicated that he would. However, after ROBERTS tried to get GERTON out on bond, he was unable to do so. Source does not know the exact reason why ROBERTS was unable to get GERTON out of jail. However, apparently it has something to do with the fact that GERTON is being held on some type of old charge for which he failed to appear in court. The individual who was interested in obtaining a bond for GERTON is described as a Negro male, 6'2", 190 pounds, in his late thirties. Source believes that this individual owns a record shop somewhere in the West End of Louisville.

On Sunday, July 2, 1972, the BWC had its regularly scheduled meeting at which time it was mentioned that the Reverend JESSE JACKSON, representing the Southern Conference Leadership Conference (SCLC) is scheduled to arrive in Louisville on Wednesday, July 5, 1972.



Source advised that on occasion, ROOSEVELT ROBERTS' wife DOROTHY has been at the BWC. She has given her home telephone number as 774-5267.

Source advised that the BWC has a new typist named VINITA TINKER, whose telephone number is 778-0602. TINKER, in addition to working at the BWC, is employed as a typist at General Hospital. The current Louisville City Directory lists the subscriber to 778-0602 as ROGER N. TINKER, wife VINITA. TINKER is employed in the laboratory of Klarer of Kentucky, with home address shown as 3519 Sherrill, Apartment 1, Louisville, Kentucky.

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7/6/72

SAC, LOUISVILLE (157-1329) (P)

INTERNATIONAL BLACK WORKERS CONGRESS (IBWC)  
EM - IBWC

Re Cincinnati teletype to Bureau, dated 5/11/72,  
and Atlanta airtel to Detroit, dated 4/5/72.

On 6/8/72, [ ] advised that the following  
long distance telephone calls were made from telephone  
number (502) 776-6481, which number is listed to the Black  
worker's Coalition (BWC), Louisville, Ky.:

2/11/72	Columbus, Indiana	(812) 376-3742
4/3/72	Atlanta, Georgia	(404) 794-2647
4/4/72	Atlanta, Georgia	(404) 794-2647
4/10/72	Ft. Knox, Kentucky	(502) 624-7340

JAMES FORMAN, National Leader of IBWC, has indicated  
that the IBWC is active in Louisville, Ky. [ ]  
has been unable to determine any connection between the BWC  
in Louisville, Ky., and the IBWC.

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AT ATLANTA, GEORGIA: Determine subscriber to  
telephone number (404) 794-2647. Thereafter, check indices  
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- 2 - Indianapolis (RM) (info)
- 3 - Louisville

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- 1 - 157-1503 (R. ROBERTS)
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June 26, 1972  
Louisville, Kentucky

On Monday afternoon, June 26, 1972, the leaders of the Black Workers Coalition (BWC), was in the BWC Office and they were discussing the drug problem among young blacks in Louisville, Kentucky. They were also discussing the activities regarding the "Dirty Dozen." No specific action was planned by these people regarding either problem. There were no members of the Black Committee for Self Defense, Louisville, Kentucky, present on this occasion. Among BWC people present were ROOSEVELT ROBERTS, who is currently on vacation from his employment, and his wife; RONNIE SLAUGHTER, MOSCOE RAPIER, J. A. CHANDLER, and GLADYS CHILDRESS.

On Tuesday afternoon, BWC leaders went to the convent on 17th Street where the Catholic nuns are staying for the stated purpose of discussing plans with respect to the defense of the "Dirty Dozen".

On Wednesday, the BWC held a board meeting at its office, details of which are not known and thereafter most of those present went to the Community Temple Church on South 40th Street in Louisville, where a rally was held in support of the "Dirty Dozen." There were not very many people present and no incidents occurred at the rally.

On Thursday, June 22, 1972, the primary activities of the BWC related to getting individuals to attend the trial in police court on that afternoon regarding one of the "Dirty Dozen" namely, Sister KATHLEEN FLAHERTY. As a result of the trial, she was found guilty of disorderly conduct and fined \$10. There were no incidents at the trial.

On Friday, June 23, 1972, BWC members were in and out of the office and the discussion generally related to alleged grievances some of the blacks in Louisville have regarding employment. Nothing specific was learned regarding these.

On Saturday, June 24, 1972, during the afternoon, BWC leaders ROOSEVELT ROBERTS and J.A. CHANDLER, together with ROOSEVELT's brother WOODROW ROBERTS, were in the BWC

office where they were discussing the fact that one of the "Dirty Dozen", ORVILLE GERTON is currently in jail and \$25 was needed in order to get him released on bond. These individuals decided to put up the \$25. It was not learned as to just what charge is currently placed against GERTON.

On Sunday, June 25, 1972, the BWC held its regularly scheduled meeting in its office. The main discussion related to grievances by some blacks regarding alleged mistreatment by the Brown and Williamson Corporation.

CAROL THOMAS is scheduled to be in police court on a disorderly conduct type charge on June 27, 1972, but she says she is trying to get this postponed because she wants to go to Gainesville, Florida at that time.

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INFORMATION RE RALLY IN SUPPORT OF CIVILIAN

POLICE REVIEW BOARD, CITY HALL, LOUISVILLE,

KENTUCKY, 6/13/72

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- 1 - 157-726 (THOMAS)
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- 1 - 157-1160 (PENICK)
- 1 - 157-1477 (ALEXANDER)
- 1 - 157-1481 (SIMMONS, JUDI)
- 1 - 157-1574 (SPAULDING)
- 1 - 157-1553 (MORRIS)
- 1 - 157-1301 (SIMMONS, BEN)
- 1 - 157-1552 (HARWELL)
- 1 - 157-1635 (LSDF)
- 1 - 157-1603 (WARD)

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**ADMINISTRATIVE DATA:**

On June 15, 1972, one (1) copy of flyer re rally supporting the Civilian Police Review Board to be held at 7:30 PM on 6/21/72, was furnished CHARLES MOORE, LPD, by SA EDMUND V. ARMENTO.

Information re possible "bricking" or "shooting" of Laird's Tourist Home by the BPP contained in attached report, telephonically furnished JOHN KIRKWOOD, LPD, on 6/14/72, by SA EDMUND V. ARMENTO.

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Louisville, Kentucky  
June 14, 1972

Source furnished the following information concerning a rally held at City Hall, Louisville, Kentucky, on June 13, 1972, in support of proposed legislation concerning a Civilian Police Review Board:

At approximately 6:00 PM on June 13, 1972, about one hundred persons, the overwhelming majority of which were of the Caucasian race, congregated on the Sixth Street entrance to City Hall, Louisville, Kentucky, for the purpose of participating in a rally in support of proposed legislation for a Civilian Police Review Board. Individuals identified as leaders and spokesmen during the above mentioned rally were Roosevelt Roberts, Chairman of the Black Workers Coalition (BWC), Reverend TERRY DAVIS, and CAROL THOMAS. All speakers called upon city officials to approve the proposed Civilian Review Board, citing that same would provide citizens with an adequate means of filing complaints against the police and offer the police adequate protection against unjustified complaints.

CAROL THOMAS spoke briefly concerning police brutality in various communities within the City of Louisville, specifically mentioning the recent killing of a Jefferson County, Kentucky teenage girl, noting that citizens in all communities, not just those living in predominantly Negro ghetto areas, have been subjected to police brutality.

TERRY DAVIS, apparent co-ordinator of instant rally, spoke about the background surrounding the initiation of efforts to establish a police civilian review board. ROOSEVELT ROBERTS also spoke concerning the need for the proposed Police Civilian Review Board as well as the need for citizens to support same.

At approximately 6:45 PM, ROOSEVELT ROBERTS indicated that although a limited number of individuals would be allowed in the Aldermatic Chambers during the Board of Aldermen meeting which was scheduled for 7:00 PM, all would go in even if there was not enough room. Passes were given out to a limited number of individuals present, which were to be used in gaining access to the Aldermatic Chambers. ROBERTS talked with officials at the entrance to the City Hall, at which time he complained that the Fraternal of Police (FOP) had held back a quantity of tickets so as to reduce the number of civilian review board supporters present during the meeting. No incident occurred, and a representative of the FOP came to the door and handed some extra tickets

to approximately thirty more individuals who were present at City Hall for the purpose of supporting the above mentioned legislation.

Present during the above mentioned rally were NANCY PENICK, [REDACTED] who attempted to speak at one point during the rally but had to be refrained from doing so; G.T. ALEXANDER and JUDI SIMMONS, accompanied by DON SPAULDING, all of whom represented the Black Panther Party (BPP). ALEXANDER, SIMMONS and SPAULDING were permitted to enter the Aldermatic Chambers and attended the meeting.

RON SLAUGHTER, BWC member, was also present during the rally and appeared to be assisting ROOSEVELT ROBERTS.

LOIS MORRIS, 12th Ward Alderman, introduced the proposed Civilian Review Board legislation as the 15th item proposed for consideration during the above mentioned meeting. Same was immediately referred to the Safety Committee for study, causing a reaction among legislation supporters. Many of the individuals present in the Aldermatic Chambers during the above mentioned meeting had come to the meeting expecting a heated discussion and argumentation over the desirability of same; however, rapid referral of the proposed legislation to the Safety Committee for further study denied legislation supporters the opportunity to make their views known during the meeting.

At the conclusion of the above mentioned Aldermen session, G.T. ALEXANDER asked HENRI OWENS, CAROL THOMAS, TERRY DAVIS and ROOSEVELT ROBERTS if they would come to the Southern Conference Educational Fund (SCEF), 3210 West Broadway, Louisville, Kentucky, on Thursday evening, June 16, 1972, at 7:00 PM for a meeting concerning the defense of the "Louisville Seven." ALEXANDER has also expressed a desire to hold a benefit dance for the "Louisville Seven", possibly at the Red Barn, on the University of Louisville (UL) Campus.

ALEXANDER has also mentioned that he intends to visit Laird's Tourist Home and confront WILL LAIRD concerning the recent arrests of the "Louisville Seven", and possibly ask LAIRD if he could take some action to have the charges against the "Louisville Seven" dropped.

"SLIM" WARD has also mentioned the possibility of "bricking" or "shooting" Laird's Tourist Home as an alternative course of action in the event WILL LAIRD strongly pursues prosecution of the "Louisville Seven."

REGINA HARWELL has not been recently observed in connection with Black Committee for Self Defense (BCSD) activities and appears

to be losing interest in same.

No work has yet been done on the renovation of the former BCSD office, 1140 Dixie Highway, Louisville, Kentucky; however, plans have been made for the construction of a partition separating the BCSD office and the business establishment located in the rear of said building.

According to G.T. ALEXANDER, CAROLLE MORRIS and JUDI SIMMONS, both of whom have had difficulty with each other in recent weeks, ardently desire and are working for the release of BEN SIMMONS, BCSD founder, from jail as soon as possible.

At the conclusion of the rally conducted on June 13, 1972, at City Hall, Louisville, Kentucky, in support of the proposed legislation concerning the establishment of a Police Civilian Review Board, flyers were given out announcing another community rally to be held on June 21, 1972, at the Community Temple Church, 677 South 40th Street, Louisville, Kentucky, Included herein as follows is a copy of said flyer:

- POWER TO THE PEOPLE!  
SUPPORT THE CIVILIAN REVIEW  
ORDINANCE by coming  
to a RALLY, JUNE 21st  
(WED) - 7:30 p.m. at  
Community Temple Church  
677 S. 40th St.

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INFORMATION RE BLACK COMMITTEE FOR SELF

DEFENSE (BCSD), LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY

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- 1 - 157-1481 (SIMMONS, JUDI)
- 1 - 80-68 (LPD)
- 1 - 100-5089 (DAVIS)
- 1 - 157-431 (EXSIT-LSKY)
- 1 - 157-1550 (SLAUGHTER)
- 1 - 157-1603 (WARD)
- 1 - 157-1301 (SIMMONS, BEN)
- 1 - 157-1503 (ROBERTS)
- 1 - 66-1826A
- 1 - 157-1631 (REED)
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Louisville, Kentucky  
June 12, 1972

Source furnished the following information concerning the Black Workers Coalition (BWC) and the Black Committee for Self Defense (BCSD), Louisville, Kentucky:

Plans are being discussed for a possible walk-out of workers, coupled with a picket protest at the Ford Motor Company Truck Plant, Westport Road, Louisville, Kentucky. RON SLAUGHTER, a member of the BWC, has discussed the possibility of arranging the above described action at the Ford Motor Company Plant. Difficulty with the Ford Motor Company apparently arose when a Negro female was fired by her Caucasian supervisor after both individuals had argued over some unknown problem. According to SLAUGHTER, who spoke to individuals present at the BWC office on June 11, 1972, the BWC would protest the manner in which the above mentioned female employee was treated, and a petition to that end would be circulated among Negro employees. Tentative plans were also made for a possible boycott of said plant at a future date.

Also discussed on June 11, 1972, at the BWC office was a suggested meeting between a representative of A and P Food Stores, Louisville, Kentucky, and ROOSEVELT ROBERTS, Chairman of the BWC. A and P Food Stores are currently being boycotted by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP).

On June 9, 1972, G.T. ALEXANDER was observed driving in his 1972 orange Volkswagen Beetle, however, the rear window thereof has not yet been repaired, leaving the rear window area open with jagged glass around the perimeter thereof.

According to CAROLLE MORRIS, G.T. ALEXANDER met with several BCSD members at the Southern Conference Educational Fund, Incorporated (SCEF), 3210 West Broadway, Louisville, Kentucky, on the evening of June 9, 1972, at which time he became irate over the fact that BCSD members had not been able to raise sufficient funds to post bond for either himself or other members of the "Louisville Seven." ALEXANDER reportedly expressed the feeling that if BCSD members were serious about their relationship with the Black Panther Party (BPP) they would be out on the streets raising money to get BEN SIMMONS out of jail. According to CAROLLE MORRIS, JUDI SIMMONS was also present at the above mentioned get-together, at which time she emphatically

stated that she wanted BEN SIMMONS out on the street as soon as possible. MORRIS indicated that she and other BCSD members have been sincerely striving to raise money for the defense of the "Louisville Seven", however, their efforts have been to no avail since the Negro community has not responded as expected. MORRIS is bitter toward JUDI SIMMONS, inasmuch as SIMMONS has not been actively supporting efforts of the BCSD in the recent past and has portrayed a false image of enthusiasm toward the BCSD since the release of ALEXANDER from prison. MORRIS further indicated that ALEXANDER is probably irate inasmuch as his family had to effect his release by bond and he received no financial assistance from the BPP organization in Louisville, Kentucky. Present at the above mentioned meeting, according to CAROLLE MORRIS were "SLIM" WARD, MARY REED and J.J. FUGETT.

MORRIS has indicated that approximately four hundred to five hundred letters to Negro businessmen soliciting funds for the defense of the "Louisville Seven", have been sent out. However, there has been no significant response to date.

G.T. ALEXANDER and JUDI SIMMONS have again taken over leadership of the BCSD. ALEXANDER considers most BCSD members lazy, citing same as a contradiction of what the BPP actually stands for.

Plans are being made by BCSD leaders to erect a partition at 1140 Dixie Highway, Louisville, Kentucky, separating the Hart Battery Exchange facility and the BCSD office. When such partition is completed, the BCSD will move its operation from 3210 West Broadway, Louisville, Kentucky, to 1140 Dixie Highway, Louisville, Kentucky.

TERRY DAVIS contacted BCSD members at SCEF on June 12, 1972, and requested that BCSD members distribute pamphlets concerning a rally in support of the Civilian Police Review Board, to be held at 6:00 PM on June 13, 1972, at City Hall, Louisville, Kentucky. Said rally was to be held in conjunction with the regular meeting of Louisville City Aldermen during which the proposed Police Civilian Review Board plan was to be introduced to the Aldermen for study and subsequent action.



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Appearance of JESSIE GREY of New

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583-2026

According to Louisville, Kentucky City Directory this number is listed to FREDERICK C. EHRMAN, a physician in the Heyburn Building, Louisville, Kentucky. This was verified on 6/14/72, by anonymously telephoning this number.

583-2926

According to the October, 1971, Louisville City Directory, this number is listed to CLAYWOOD STIVERS, 915 East Walnut Street, Louisville, Kentucky, whose employment is shown as a waiter in Shelbyville, Kentucky.

778-6481

The October, 1971 City Directory reflects this number to be subscribed to by HENRY J. EMERY, 1218 South 26th Street, Louisville, Kentucky.

Information in instant report re the scheduled appearance of JESSIE GREY in Louisville, Kentucky on the night of 6/7/72 was telephonically furnished by SA WARREN L. WALSH to Detective Sergeant CHARLES MOORE, Louisville, Kentucky Police Department on 6/7/72.

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Louisville, Kentucky  
June 6, 1972

On June 6, 1972, Sister PATRICIA HALEY, Louisville, Kentucky telephone number 583-2926, advised that the Concerned Citizens, which consists of individuals from the Louisville Tenants Union (LTU), the Black Workers Coalition (BWC), the Plymouth Settlement House, the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth, Kentucky and the Clergy and Laymen Concerned (CALC), were sponsoring a rally on the evening of June 7, 1972, at the Immaculate Heart of Mary School, 3308 Southwick Avenue, Louisville, Kentucky. The rally is for the purpose of obtaining support for "The Dirty Dozen" who were arrested in March, 1972 in Louisville, Kentucky, when they did not follow police orders to quit tearing down a decrepit building at 18th and Magazine Streets in Louisville, Kentucky.

Among "The Dirty Dozen" are LOUIS JENNINGS, MOSCOE RAPIER, ROOSEVELT ROBERTS and CAROL THOMAS. The twelve will be tried individually starting with Thursday, June 8, 1972, when Sister of Charity PEGGIE CORBETT will be tried. The main speaker at the June 7, 1972 rally will be JESSIE GREY described as a veteran tenants organizer from Harlem and founder of the National Tenants Organization.

GREY is scheduled to arrive in Louisville, Kentucky by Eastern Airlines at 4:15 PM on June 7, 1972. Additional information regarding the rally and the actions of the Concerned Citizens is available through Louisville, Kentucky telephones 776-6481 and 583-2026.

No recent activities on the part of BOB SIMS is known with the exception he was observed to be among the group who demonstrated on May 19, 1972, in front of the Jefferson County Courthouse, in Louisville, Kentucky, which group actually was demonstrating in support of African Liberation Day but which had been billed as an anti-war demonstration because of difficulty in obtaining a demonstration permit under the name of African Liberation Day.

No recent information has been learned regarding DANNY WHITE and it is possible he is no longer in Louisville, Kentucky.

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) is continuing its boycott of the A & P Food Stores in Louisville, Kentucky. It is not known to be engaged in any picketing activities with the exception that a group of five picketed peacefully for a short time at the A & P Food Store at 28th and Virginia Avenue on Friday, June 2, 1972.

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Louisville, Kentucky  
June 19, 1972

Activity by the Black Workers Coalition (BWC) on Monday, June 12, 1972, consisted of BWC members CONNIE PRYOR, ROOSEVELT ROBERTS and RONNIE SLAUGHTER being in the BWC Office all that date to be available for grievances brought to the BWC. There were some people, identities not known, in the office that date alleging they had been discriminated in their employment by the Brown and Williamson Tobacco Company and the Enro Shirt Company in Louisville, Kentucky. Details of these complaints are not known.

On Tuesday, June 13, 1972, the BWC engaged in no known organized activity with exception on that evening a number of its members, including ROOSEVELT ROBERTS, RONNIE SLAUGHTER, CONNIE PRYOR and J. A. CHANDLER, joined a group at City Hall who were present that evening at the Board of Aldermen meeting in show of support for the enactment of an ordinance relating to a civilian review board of the Louisville Police Department. There was no disorder at the Aldermen meeting and the BWC members later remarked that there were not sufficient seats in the Aldermen's Chambers for all that wanted to get in.

On Wednesday, June 14, 1972, BWC leaders as is their custom went to the California Area Community Council taking some black youths from the Newburg area of Louisville to that Council for recreation.

There was no known organized BWC activity on Wednesday, June 13, 1972, but several did go to the Louisville Police Court where one of "The Dirty Dozen" was scheduled to be tried but the trial was postponed.

On Friday, June 16, 1972, some BWC leaders and members of the Youth Coalition went to the Sweet Leaf Baptist Church, in Louisville, Kentucky, where they met with some representatives of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). The NAACP representatives wanted the BWC to supply some black youths

to help the NAACP picket some A & P Stores in Louisville, Kentucky, in connection with the boycotting of such stores by the NAACP because of the alleged lack of employment of blacks by the A & P. However, the BWC leaders refuse to supply youths for picketing activities in that ROOSEVELT ROBERTS, who is the chief spokesman for the BWC, claimed that in the past when the BWC requested NAACP assistance such was refused.

On Saturday, June 17, 1972, at about 11:00 AM, approximately twenty individuals associated with the BWC appeared at the Levy Brothers Clothing Store, Third and Market Streets, Louisville, Kentucky. The BWC understood that a Courier-Journal news reporter would meet them at that time but the reporter failed to appear. The purpose of the group appearing was for a number in the group to return to Levy's Store some Enro shirts they had bought from the store and to request their money be refunded.

This action is in connection with the alleged discrimination of blacks by the Enro Shirt Company.

The BWC group entered Levy's together and returned their shirts and they were cordially received and their money refunded. No incidents occurred and no police action was required.

ROOSEVELT ROBERTS led the BWC group.

On Sunday, June 18, 1972, the BWC held its regular Sunday meeting at its office from about 1:30 - 3:30 PM. There was nothing unusual which occurred and the session consisted of discussion of the various grievances the organization had received and a review of the action taken by the BWC during the previous week.

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Information re some BCSD members.

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- 1 - 100-197 (SCEF)
- 1 - 100-4176 (E. TUCKER)
- 1 - 100-4985 (W. ALLISON)
- 1 - 157-1160 (N. PENICK)
- ① - 157-1219 (BWC)
- 1 - 157-1301 (B. SIMMONS)
- 1 - 157-1397 (BPP-CLEAVER)
- 1 - 157-1469 (BCSD)
- 1 - 157-1477 (G. ALEXANDER)
- 1 - 157-1481 (J. SIMMONS)
- 1 - 157-1486 (H. JONES)
- 1 - 157-1547 (J. FUGETT)
- 1 - 157-1548 (W. GERTON)
- 1 - 157-1616 (V. DAVIS)
- 1 - 157-1635 (LOUISVILLE 7)

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June 20, 1972  
Louisville, Kentucky

As of approximately 11:15 a.m., June 19, 1972, no Black Committee for Self Defense (BCSD) members were present at Southern Conference Educational Fund, Inc. (SCEF) headquarters in Louisville. The only people present were SCEF workers THERESA (Last Name Unknown) and VIRGINIA (LNU). It was noted that VIRGINIA drives a 1969 Oldsmobile with the word "June" on the side. It was also noted there was an envelope addressed to JUDI SIMMONS c/o SCEF at the SCEF office. The envelope bore the return address of "Malik (ROBERT BROWN), 835 W. Morgan Street, Raleigh, North Carolina - 20253-05". It is possible this might be an inmate number. The envelope was postmarked June 18, 1972, no town shown and the envelope was unopened.

There was also an envelope at SCEF addressed to BEN SIMMONS c/o SCEF. It also was unopened, and the return address on the envelope was simply Third World Veterans Alliance. It was not noted as to the date or place of postmark on this envelope. Also noted at SCEF on this occasion was an envelope which had been opened and which contained nothing inside. It was addressed to CAROLLE MORRIS and bore the return address of THOMAS MC CREARY, 124 S. 14th Street, St. Louis, Missouri. It is recalled that at one time BEN SIMMONS mentioned a THOMAS MC CREARY was facing charges in St. Louis, Missouri, for reportedly assaulting police officers. SIMMONS said that MC CREARY could get up to 60 years in jail on these charges.

As of noon, June 19, 1972, no BCSD members had appeared at SCEF headquarters, and SCEF workers THERESA (LNU) and VIRGINIA (LNU) left to go to lunch and locked up the building.

Shortly after noon on June 19, 1972, efforts to locate G. T. ALEXANDER at his home, and NANCY PENICK at her home were negative. A visit to the Plymouth Settlement House resulted in locating VILANNE DAVIS and her fiancé JOHN (LNU). During a short conversation with DAVIS, she said that JAMES FUGETT and NANCY PENICK are going to move in with VILANNE DAVIS and JOHN (LNU) at JOHN's house,

location not known. VILANNE also said that BEN SIMMONS had recently received a letter from an unidentified individual, which letter claimed [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] VILANNE DAVIS also indicated that WILLIAM GERTON is currently in jail, having been picked up on some type of bench warrant. A \$200 bond has been set for him, and he expects the Black Workers Coalition (BWC) to get him out of jail. Regarding VILANNE DAVIS' [REDACTED], it is possible he may be using drugs as he always seems to be "high".

During a conversation with the Attorney WILLIAM ALLISON the night of June 18, 1972, ALLISON said that two University of Louisville (UL) law students have volunteered to help ALLISON in connection with ALLISON's defense of the Louisville 7. In addition, Bishop C. EUBANK TUCKER has offered to assist ALLISON in defending the Louisville 7. ALLISON indicated he felt rather confident the Louisville 7 will be acquitted.

During the above discussion with VILANNE DAVIS, DAVIS also mentioned that some BCSD members had sponsored a dance in the basement of Holy Cross Church on Saturday night, June 17, 1972. The dance was supposed to have started at 8:30 p.m., but as of that time no one showed up. A few showed up about 10:00 p.m. and they did have a small dance. J. J. FUGETT was the disc jockey. DAVIS said that the admission charge was supposed to be \$.75, but when no one wanted to pay that amount, persons were let into the dance for whatever they would pay, some paying as low as \$.15. DAVIS said they only made about \$4 or \$5 on the dance.

At approximately 10:00 a.m. on June 20, 1972, G. T. ALEXANDER and JUDI SIMMONS were seen traveling north on 9th Street near Chestnut in ALEXANDER's orange Volkswagen. They stopped and talked briefly, advising that ALEXANDER was taking JUDI to see her doctor. JUDI said that they do not plan to open any BCSD office in the immediate future, and that when they do reopen such an office, they do not plan to try to go back to 1140 Dixie Highway. She said that the office at that location is first of all too big, secondly there is a problem of putting up a wall the owner

of the building requires, thirdly they owe \$50 back rent at that location, and fourthly, if they used that location, they would have to put in their own electric meters requiring deposit money. She said that the thing they are concentrating on now is trying to raise money for bail for the BCSD members who are still in jail. She remarked that HERB JONES has been released on bail, but would not explain how the bail was made.

During the above conversation, G. T. ALEXANDER remarked about the dance that had been held at Holy Cross Church on Saturday evening, June 17, 1972, and he claimed that the dance had made a \$30 to \$50 profit, but that J. J. FUGETT, who handled the money, had later gotten into a crap game and lost all the money.

During instant contact, source advised he has never known the publication "Right On" to be received in Louisville by mail. On one occasion, it was sent by American Airlines Air Freight, and on two occasions it came via Greyhound bus.

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Information re BCSD and some of its members, and data re Black Workers Coalition

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In addition to the information in the enclosed, source advised that source had recently noticed in the paper where a man living at 43 Noir Place in Louisville, Kentucky,

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- 1 - 100-197 (SCEF)
- 1 - 157-1160 (PENICK)
- 1 - 157-1219 (BWC)
- 1 - 157-1246 (G. MOORE)
- 1 - 157-1251 (R. ROBINSON)
- 1 - 157-1276 (T. SMITH)
- 1 - 157-1329 (IBWC)
- 1 - 157-1397 (BPP-CLEAVER)
- 1 - 157-1469 (BCSD)
- 1 - 157-1477 (G. ALEXANDER)
- 1 - 157-1503 (R. ROBERTS)
- 1 - 157-1553 (C. MORRIS)
- 1 - 157-1574 (D. SPAULDING)

- 1 - 157-1603 (M. WARD)
- 1 - 157-1627 (M. TRABUE)
- 1 - 66-1826A
- 1 - 100-5258 (THERESA)

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had been robbed and source thought it possible [redacted]  
may have been involved, as source recalled that [redacted]  
had once talked about a drug dealer living at 43 Noir  
Place, Louisville. Information re this matter was tele-  
phonically furnished on 6/15/72, to Detective CLARENCE  
HAWKINS, Louisville, Kentucky, Police Department.

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June 15, 1972  
Louisville, Kentucky

At Southern Conference Educational Fund, Inc. (SCEF) headquarters in Louisville, Kentucky, as of about 3:00 p.m. Tuesday, June 13, 1972, no Black Committee for Self Defense (BCSD) members were present. SCEF office workers THERESA, last name not recalled, said that there had been no recent BCSD activity at the office and that the only thing she knew scheduled in the near future was a demonstration at City Hall on Tuesday evening about 6:00 p.m., the demonstration being in support of an ordinance that was going to be introduced at the aldermen meeting that night, calling for the setting up of a civilian review board of the Louisville Police Department.

About 4:00 p.m., GORDON MOORE telephoned SCEF office and he said he was coming down to the office shortly. He had not arrived as of about 6:15 p.m.

NANCY PENICK called SCEF office shortly after MOORE. She said she was at her home on West Kentucky Street and was with MARK TRABUE. She said that she is going to be able to get a truck in which they can haul the lumber necessary for building the wall at BCSD's former office, 1140 Dixie Highway. NANCY said she would be back in touch around 7:00 p.m., but she failed to keep this appointment. Efforts to reach NANCY PENICK at her home up to 8:00 p.m. on that date were negative.

Around 6:30 p.m. it was noted there was a group gathered in front of City Hall in support of the ordinance to be introduced that evening. The only individuals recognized in the group were TOMMY SMITH and ROOSEVELT ROBERTS. ROBERTS was speaking to the group through the use of a microphone.

No BCSD activity was known to have occurred on Wednesday, June 14, and efforts to locate DON SPAULDING at SPAULDING's wife's home on 42nd Street and in Village West where SPAULDING has been recently staying, resulted negatively. In early afternoon, June 14, efforts to contact G. T. ALEXANDER at his home were negative.

As of about 4:00 p.m., no BCSD members were at SCEF headquarters. SCEF worker THERESA said that NANCY PENICK had called shortly before, and she said she would call back later. Efforts to reach PENICK at her home shortly after 4:00 p.m. failed and her sister said she was not there.

CAROLLE MORRIS of BCSD came to SCEF headquarters about 6:30 p.m. to teach a history class to young black children. There were about 5 such children present. MORRIS said she had last seen G. T. ALEXANDER on Tuesday, June 13, and they discussed methods of holding some fund raising events to assist in getting bond money to release the BCSD members from jail. MORRIS said that in this connection they were planning a dance to be held either Friday, June 16, at Grace Hope Presbyterian Church, or Saturday at Holy Cross Church, depending on which church might have facilities available. ROBERT WARD is supposed to be the main person getting the dance together. There will be no band, but a record player will be utilized and admission will be \$.75. CAROLLE MORRIS had a small mimeographed leaflet regarding this dance, but it was not complete in that the date and place of the dance was not filled in.

While at SCEF office on June 14, 1972, SCEF worker THERESA was asked if there is any connection between the Black Workers Coalition in Louisville and the International Black Workers Congress headed by JAMES FORMAN. THERESA said there was not. She said the International Black Workers Congress did have a representative at one time in Louisville, namely, ROBBIE ROBINSON, but that he left Louisville several weeks ago in that "they", supposedly SCEF, got ROBINSON a job during the summer in California and ROBINSON plans to attend UCLA, the town where located not stated, in the fall of 1972.

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Re Louisville letter to Bureau dated 4/12/72.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are three (3) separate Computerized Telephone Number File (CTNF) submission forms prepared by the Louisville Division reflecting telephone numbers, subscribers, and identifying investigations for utilizations in the addition of said telephone numbers to the CTNF.

It is requested that appropriate action be taken by the Bureau to effect said additions.

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- 5 - Louisville (2 - 100-5741) (CTNF)
  - (1 - 100-213) (CPUSA)
  - (1 - 100-5386) (WELCH)
  - (1 - 157-1219) (BKC)

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ADDRESS 2300 Oak Street  
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Data re BWC, its members and activities  
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#### ADMINISTRATIVE DATA

A leaflet, Issue Number 1, dated May, 1972 of the "Tenant Voices" is attached to the copy of this communication designated for 100-5465. (Source obtained it from the BWC Office.) It is noted that this issue of the "Tenant Voices" states the Tenants Union's address to be 1468, South Seventh Street, Louisville, Kentucky and telephone number 584-1254, extension 63.

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- 1-100-5465 (LTU)
- 1-157-726 (THOMAS)
- ① 1-157-1219 (BWC)
- 1-157-1503 (R. ROBERTS)
- 1-157-1548 (O. GERTON)
- 1-157-1550 (R. SLAUGHTER)
- 1-157-1619 (W. ROBERTS)
- 1-157-1618 (G. CHILDRESS)
- 1-157-1602 (CONNIE PRYOR)
- 1-157-1621 (J. COX)

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The material referred to in the attached as material regarding the "mock trial" held on 6/7/72 at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Louisville, Kentucky, is attached to the copy of this communication designated for 100-5465.

The above described material was furnished by the source during contact with the source on 6/12/72.

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Louisville, Kentucky  
June 12, 1972

Black Workers Coalition (BWC) board member, RONALD SLAUGHTER was in the BWC Office much of the time on Monday, June 5, 1972 and nothing occurred on that date except SLAUGHTER was engaged in hearing grievances. No activity occurred at the BWC Office on June 6, 1972, as some of the members were attending a youth meeting on that date at the California Area Community Center.

On the evening of June 7, 1972, a number of the BWC members attended the "mock trial" held at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, 34th and Southwick Streets, Louisville, Kentucky, on the evening of June 6, 1972. The mock trial was held with respect to the start of the trials of the individuals referred to as "The Dirty Dozen." The first trial was set for the afternoon of June 7, 1972 and the person to be tried was Sister PEGGY CHRISTINE CORBETT. About 200 persons attended the mock trial event and both white and black were present. Prior to the start of the mock trial several individuals spoke. A leaflet obtained at the trial identified the first speaker as Sister MARGARET ELLEN TRAXLER; the second speaker was JESSIE GREY, also known as "Mr. House"; and the third speaker was Sister VIRGINIA MARY BARTA.

A script of the mock trial was available and obtained.

The trial of Sister PEGGY CHRISTINE CORBETT was held in Louisville Police Court on the evening of June 8, 1972, with no verdict being reached. Among those attending were ORVILLE GERTON. From the way he talked, it appeared he may be having some kind of Federal trial coming up in the near future.

On June 9, 1972, CAROL THOMAS said that "The Dirty Dozen" had all gathered together at 6:00 PM at the Convent on South Seventh Street in Louisville to discuss action they should take in connection with the charges against

them. CAROL THOMAS also remarked that she herself is due to appear in Police Court in Louisville on June 28, 1972 to answer charges placed against her by local police recently when the police stopped and asked some youths to move from the steps near the BWC Office and THOMAS interjected herself in the matter advising the children that they did not have to move as it was a play area. The police ended up arresting some.

No activity at the BWC was observed on June 10, 1972.

On Sunday, June 11, 1972, the BWC held its regular Sunday meeting. It started about 1:30 PM and among those present were the following who are board members:

GLADYS CHILDRESS  
CONNIE PRYOR  
WOODROW ROBERTS  
ROOSEVELT ROBERTS  
RONNIE SLAUGHTER  
CAROL THOMAS  
JIMMY COX

Discussion related primarily to grievances received by the BWC from various individuals, and the upcoming trials of "The Dirty Dozen." An unknown white male was present and showed a film regarding drug use.

The meeting broke up at about 3:30 PM.

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- 1 - 157-1469 (BCSD)
- 1 - 157-1397 (BPP)
- 1 - 157-1553 (C. MORRIS)
- ① - 157-1219 (BWC)
- 1 - 100-197 (SCEF)
- 1 - 157-1574 (SPAULDING)
- 1 - 157-1206 (H. WILLIAMS)

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Louisville, Kentucky  
June 6, 1972

Carolle Morris maintains contact with the Black Workers Coalition (BWC). Morris takes various literature which the BCSD has been issuing and takes it to the BWC Office for their use and for them to distribute. Apparently Morris has been nominated by someone associated with the BWC to be on the Police Review Board. Morris has been attending various meetings at which the discussion centers around the establishment of a Police Review Board. Source has no further details on these meetings.

With regard to the party obtaining a new office space through the owner of the Hart Battery Exchange, the party still has a problem inasmuch as they have no money with which to pay the rent. The party is going to ask the owner of Hart for an advance on their first month's rent in the event that the owner of Hart is successful in obtaining an office space for the party. Source opines that the party may not be successful in convincing Hart to advance one month's rent to the party, inasmuch as the party still owes Hart one month's back rent from their old office space at 1140 Dixie.

Don Spaulding recently asked an individual associated with SCEF if the party would be able to move into 3208 West Broadway, and use that building as their office. The individual from SCEF stated that this would be impossible inasmuch as SCEF is currently fixing up 3208 West Broadway with a view toward using it as a place where community meetings can be held. Spaulding then asked him if the party might use the upstairs at 3208 West Broadway, inasmuch as that would not be used for these projected community meetings. The individual from SCEF apparently sluffed this question off and made no reply to Spaulding. Spaulding then immediately "copped an attitude" and became angry with this individual and has maintained this attitude toward SCEF ever since.

Henry Williams has gone on vacation somewhere and no one seems to know where. He left a note with his secretary telling her not to worry, that he would be back sometime soon.

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- 1 - 157-1219 (BWC) (Attachment)
- 1 - 157-1548 (GERTON)
- 1 - 157-1503 (ROBERTS)
- 1 - 157-1550 (SLAUGHTER)
- 1 - 157-1469 (BCSD)
- 1 - 157-1397 (BPP)
- 1 - 157-726 (THOMAS)
- 1 - 100-2271 (NAACP)
- 1 - 157-1504 (RAPIER)
- 1 - 157-1620 (PRYOR)
- 1 - 157-1329 (IBWC)
- 1 - 157-1505 (JENNINGS)
- 1 - 157-90 (SCLC)
- 1 - 100-197 (SCEF)

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ADMINISTRATIVE

On June 5, 1972, source provided a flyer which reads "Come to the Scene of the Crime" and which advertises a meeting to be held at 2:30 PM on Sunday, June 4, 1972, at 18th and Magazine Streets.

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Louisville, Kentucky  
June 5, 1972

On June 4, 1972, the BWC held a rally at 18th and Magazine Streets. The rally got started at approximately 3:00 PM. People came and went in regular fashion and at one time there was usually between twenty and thirty people there.

All of the individuals who comprise the "Dirty Dozen" with the exception of William Gerton, spoke at the rally. They explained why they tore down the building and they all asked for support at their upcoming trials.

Roosevelt Roberts and Ronald Slaughter introduced their representative from the Black Panther Party, Louisville, Kentucky. Both Roberts and Slaughter were critical of the Black Panther Party Program, inasmuch as both stated that the party advocates placing weapons in hands of black people. Both Roberts and Slaughter indicated that they felt it would be better for the Black Panther Party to place beans into the hands of black people rather than guns. They stated that what the black people needed was food and shelter rather than guns.

When the representative from the Black Panther Party spoke he stated that what the Panthers wanted to accomplish was to rid the black community of drugs. He stated that the Black Panther Party would be at the side of the "Dirty Dozen" at the courthouse when the trial for the "Dirty Dozen" begins.

On June 1, 1972, representatives from the NAACP stopped by the BWC Office and asked Roosevelt Roberts, who was at the office, to support the NAACP with regard to their picketing of the A & P. The representatives from the NAACP were particularly interested in having the BWC provide children to them who would then march in the picket lines. Roosevelt Roberts conferred with Ronald Slaughter and they made the decision not to provide any children for the NAACP's projected picket of various A & P Stores.

Mose Rapier is scheduled to return to the hospital on June 5, 1972. The exact nature of his illness is unknown.

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The individual or individuals from Louisiana whom Carol Thomas apparently recruited to speak in Louisville, Kentucky, are scheduled to arrive on Wednesday, June 7, 1972.

Source has been unable to uncover any information which would link the BWC to the International Black Workers Congress (IBWC).

Louis Jennings has not been around the BWC Office and was not at the rally which was held by the BWC on June 4, 1972.

The BWC is still an affiliate of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) and source has observed mail which arrives at the BWC office which is from the Reverend Jesse Jackson. Source has also observed mail from the BWC addressed to Reverend Jesse Jackson. Although the BWC is affiliated with the SCLC, and does correspond with the Reverend Jackson, source has heard members of the BWC express extremely critical remarks in regard to the Reverend Ralph Abernathy. Apparently some of the members of the BWC feel that Abernathy is allowing various whites associated with the SCLC to have too much of a say in how the SCLC is being run.

Apparently the BWC has some association with the Southern Conference Educational Fund (SCEF) inasmuch as source has observed issues of the Southern Patriot at the BWC Office.

# COME TO THE SCENE OF THE CRIME

the "BLACK WORKERS COALITION"

Will Meet - This Sunday JUNE 4<sup>th</sup>

At 2:30 P.M. At 18<sup>th</sup> & MAGAZINE  
Street

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Where the Dirty Dozen started tearing  
down The House

Entertainment - Speakers - Refreshments

COME ONE! COME ALL!

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Source provided information regarding the  
Black Workers Coalition (BWC), its  
members and their activities.

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Information regarding the planned rally which is to be held by the Black Workers Coalition (BWC) on June 4, 1972, was provided to Detective John Kirkwood, Louisville, Kentucky Police Department, on June 1, 1972.

On June 2, 1972, source provided the following material which is attached to the copy of this report designated for Louisville file 157-1219:

A flyer advertising a Hot Line with telephone number 778-3348;

A flyer entitled "What are the Real Facts Behind the Arrest of the Louisville Seven?"

A flyer entitled "Free Political Prisoners!!!" which advertises a rally scheduled on May 29, at Shawnee Park.

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COVER PAGE

Louisville, Kentucky  
June 1, 1972

There will be a rally this Sunday, June 4, 1972, at 2:30 PM, at 18th and Magazine Streets, Louisville, Kentucky, to support the "Dirty Dozen". It is anticipated that the twelve people who were arrested for tearing down a house at that location will all be there and will speak regarding the reasons why they tore down the house and ask for support at their upcoming trial.

Source recently had the opportunity to review the calendar at the BWC office on which is listed many of the appointments of various individuals associated with the BWC. This calendar lists various appointments which individuals associated with the BWC have with regard to their activities with the BWC.

A sampling of some of the meetings at which various individuals associated with the BWC attend, is as follows:

A meeting concerning the establishment of a police review board in Louisville, Kentucky;

A meeting at the Frederick Douglas Institute;

A meeting at the Catherine Spalding College,  
an appointment with John Johnson at the California Center;

A meeting on May 13, 1972, with Ira Grupper which is described on the calendar as a peace meeting;

A meeting with individuals from the Ford Motor Company;

A meeting regarding the "Dirty Dozen";

A meeting with the Committee to Free Angela Davis.

Source has determined that the secretary of the BWC referred to in the past as Connie (LNU), is Connie Pryor. Source has also determined that an individual named Willis E. Chism is a member of the Board of Directors of the BWC.

Chism is half white and half black.

Ron Slaughter is planning to have posters printed up advertising the rally which is to be held at 18th and Magazine Streets on Sunday, June 4, 1972, regarding the "Dirty Dozen".

Carol Thomas has recently returned from the State of Louisiana. She has mentioned that an individual named Theodore Thomas is supposed to arrive in Louisville from Louisiana to make a speech.

Source has not heard anything at the BWC Office which would indicate that it is associated in any manner with the International Black Workers Congress (IBWC). Source has perused the mail at the BWC Office, as well as the records of the BWC, and no where is it reflected that the BWC is associated with the IBWC.



Louisville, Kentucky  
June 2, 1972

On Monday, May 29, 1972, a film was shown at the BWC Office regarding Sex Education and Drug Abuse. In addition, free passes were given to children at the meeting, which enabled the children to obtain free chicken at a local business establishment.

On Tuesday, the BWC held a board meeting at which the main topic of discussion was getting publicity for the "Dirty Dozen".

On Wednesday there was no activity at the BWC Office.

On Thursday there was no activity at the BWC Office, although Ron Slaughter and the individual whose last name is Haycraft, traveled somewhere to meet and to talk with the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

There was no activity on Friday and Saturday and on Sunday the BWC held its regularly scheduled meeting at its office.

Mose Rapier is out of the hospital and he is driving Ron Slaughter's car, which is a Volkswagen painted in a psychedelic fashion, complete with various colors and various wild patterns. Ron Slaughter in turn is driving Connie Pryor's car, inasmuch as Pryor is presently in the hospital for an unknown reason.

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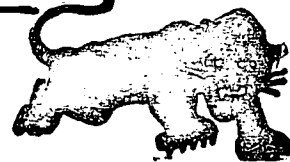
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organizations**

**For information on how you can help, call the Hot Line.**

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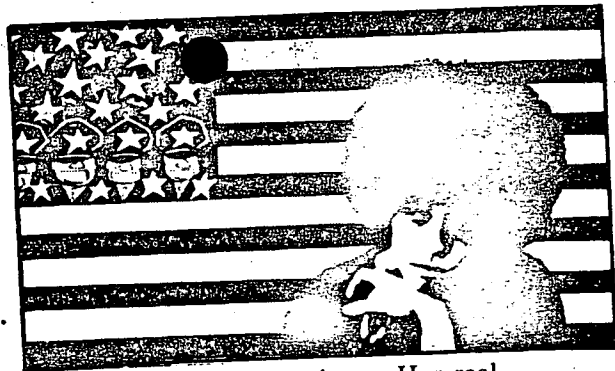
**ANGELA DAVIS**

**RALLY MEMORIAL DAY**

**MAY 29, 3 PM**

**SHAWNEE PARK BANDSHELL**

# FREE Angela!



Angela Davis has been in prison since October, 1970. Her trial began in March and is still dragging on.

The crimes she is officially charged with are murder, kidnapping, and conspiracy. Her real crime, in the eyes of her accusers, is that she is black, a woman, and a Communist. Her trial is a classic example of the use of frame-ups to silence political activists.

Angela was born in Birmingham, Alabama, 28 years ago. She attended high school and college in the North, then studied in Europe—but she could never forget the problems that black people face in this country. From the time she started teaching at the University of California in 1968, she was active in the black liberation movement.

Governor Ronald Reagan tried to have her fired from her teaching job after she said openly that she was a member of the Communist Party. The other teachers and students supported her right to teach—and the courts finally decided she could not be fired because of her political beliefs.

In the summer of 1970, Angela Davis became active in the campaign to free the Soledad Brothers, three black prison inmates. This campaign exposed the horrible conditions in California jails—and again the Governor tried to get rid of Angela, by saying her political activities were giving the University of California a bad name. Again, he failed.

Angela worked closely with the families of the Soledad Brothers—George Jackson, Fleeta Drumgo, and John Clutchette. Jonathan Jackson, the younger brother of George Jackson, often served as her bodyguard. (Angela was receiving many threats on her life, so she tried never to go anywhere alone. She also bought guns and learned how to use them.)

In August, 1970, Jonathan Jackson tried to free three black prisoners from a court room in San Rafael, by taking the judge hostage. Outside, guards opened fire on the escape van, killing the judge, Jackson, and two of the prisoners. Ruchell Magee was the only survivor.

Angela Davis was nowhere near the scene. There was not, and never has been, any evidence that she knew about the plan to free the prisoners or that she had helped to arrange it. But she was immediately placed on the "ten most wanted" list and arrested after the most intensive womanhunt in this country's history.

Angela Davis was kept in solitary confinement for most of the time after her arrest. She was refused bond until she had been in prison for a year and a half. Her trial was moved to the most racist county in California. The newspapers have helped create the impression that she is guilty.

But in spite of all this, the prosecutor is losing the battle to convict Angela Davis. He has been forced to shift the basis of his case. At first he said she had helped plan the shoot-out *because of her political beliefs*. Since the trial began, he has begun trying to prove that Angela did it *because of her love for George Jackson*.

The prosecutor has closed his case without producing one shred of real evidence. The jury will probably find Angela Davis not guilty within a few weeks. This is because of the strong public support that has been built around her case—because her supporters were able to get the real facts out—and to bring pressure to bear on the judge and the court system.

*That pressure is still needed. You can help by writing or wiring Judge Arnason, Superior Court, 190 W. Hedding, San Jose, Calif., urging him to drop the charges. You can also write California Governor Ronald Reagan and Assistant State Attorney Albert J. Harris in Sacramento, Calif., demanding that they drop the charges. The only fair trial is no trial at*

# Free the Louisville 7!

Four members of the Black Panther Party and two community supporters are now in the Jefferson County Jail under \$67,500 bond each—for a crime they did not commit. This is how it happened:

*Last October, the Black Committee for Self Defense started a campaign against dope in Louisville's black community. In the months that followed, they were visited repeatedly by police, and in February the windows of their office were shot out.*

*In mid-March the Black Committee became a chapter of the Black Panther Party. They continued their strong program against dope.*

*And on May 6, four Panthers were arrested for a crime they did not commit—armed robbery of a Derby party at Laird's Tourist Home, a reputed disorderly house in the heart of the black community.*

The Black Panthers, all Louisville residents, were arrested in Middletown, Ky., by Louisville city police who had no warrants and were not accompanied by county officers, as required by law. They were carrying sub machine guns, shotguns, and their own pistols. The Panthers were not told they were under arrest until they were in the police cars.

The first four to be arrested were George Alexander, John Jones, Gary Gaynor, and Ben Simmons. By May 10 they had been joined by three community supporters of the BPP: Larry Baines, William D. Blakemore, and Jackie Howard. The six men were charged with nine counts each of armed robbery, which carries a minimum sentence of ten years and a maximum of life in prison, or death.

Jackie Howard was charged with "aiding and abetting" and her bond was set at \$25,000—even though she knew nothing about the case, not even that the warrants were out.

Bond for the men had been set at up to \$7,500 each—but on May 11 the judge consulted with commonwealth's attorney Edwin Schroering (famous for his efforts to railroad the Black Six) and decided to revoke all the bonds.

On May 18, after a long conference which the judge insisted on holding behind closed doors, the bonds were set at \$7,500 *for each count of armed robbery!* With nine counts, that works out to \$67,500 for each of the six men. Jackie Howard's bond was set at \$7,500. There will be another hearing on June 2, and the trial is set for June 26. All seven defendants are still in the Jefferson County Jail in Louisville.

## THERE ARE A LOT OF QUESTIONS THAT CAN BE ASKED ABOUT THIS CASE:

1. Why are the *Courier-Journal* and *Louisville Times* reporting that only \$8,200 in money and jewelry was taken, when the police said that between \$40,000 and \$60,000 was missing? If the robbery was only \$8,200—or even \$60,000—how does the prosecutor justify bonds totalling \$412,500?

2. Laird's Tourist Home is located in a poor neighborhood, and many of the people who were robbed listed it as their home address. How did they happen to have between \$40,000 and \$60,000?



3. Why were the bails revoked on May 11, then set at such a high level? What kind of "clear and present danger to the Commonwealth" do the Panthers and their anti-drug program present? If local government is serious about fighting drugs, why are they persecuting a group of people committed to the same goal? (Continued on the next page)

4. There are a lot of questions about the people who identified the Panthers. For example, the man who picked G.T. Alexander out of the line-up had attacked him two days *before* the alleged robbery. He was not listed as a witness before the grand jury that drew up the indictments in such secrecy and haste.

We believe this case is nothing more than a frame-up, designed by local officials to get the Panthers off the streets by provoking a confrontation between dope pushers and the Black Panther Party. The pushers would be glad to see the Panthers out of action, because of the strong line that the Party has taken against dope in the black community.

The arrests follow a pattern in Louisville—the yearly summer sweep of militants to keep the city cool. It is interesting that it is none other than Commonwealth Attorney Schroering who is once again leading the attack—although he has *never* been able to win one of these cases in front of a jury. Not because he didn't try—because there never have been any facts to back him up, as in this case. But Schroering has succeeded in keeping black leaders behind bars for months and even years.

We need your help to prevent that from happening in this case.

# **RALLY TO SUPPORT**

## **Louisville 7 Angela Davis**

**and all Political Prisoners!**

**Memorial Day, MAY 29, 3 p.m.**

**Shawnee Park Bandshell**

### **HOW YOU CAN HELP:**

1. Send financial help to Louisville Seven Defense Committee, P.O. Box 1681, Louisville, Ky. 40201.
2. We need help in getting information out about the case. If you can help, contact us at SCEF, 3210 W. Broadway, Tel: 778-3348, or at the post office box above.
3. If you have any information about the *real* events at Laird's on the night of the robbery, contact Atty. Bill Allison at 139 So. Fourth St., Rm. 706, Louisville; Tel: 583-0193.
4. Make your feelings about this frame-up known. Write letters to the editors of the *Courier-Journal* and *Louisville Times*, 525 W. Broadway. Write Circuit Court Judge S. Rush Nicholson, 1st Kirwin Building, Louisville, urging him to drop the bonds. Write Commonwealth Attorney Edwin A. Schroering, Courthouse Annex, Louisville, demanding that he drop the case.

*Louisville 7 Defense Committee*

# What Are the REAL Facts Behind the Arrest Of the Louisville Seven?

On May 6 George Alexander, John Jones, Gary Gaynor, and Ben Simmons—all members of the Black Panther Party—were arrested by city officers who came out into the county near Middletown, Ky.—without warrants; without county officers accompanying them (as required by law) — with nothing more legal than Thompson submachine guns, shotguns, and other small arms.

They surrounded the house and ordered everyone to come out or they'd open fire. People were told to get into the patrol cars and come into the city for questioning. It was not until they had entered the cars that they were told they were under arrest.

By Wednesday the total of prisoners was up to seven, when Larry Baines, William D. Blakemore, and Jackie Howard were arrested. According to the newspapers, they were arrested for taking part in the robbery of Laird's "Tourist Home." The papers said between \$40,000 and \$60,000 in cash and an undetermined amount of jewelry was taken.

People in the Black community have known for a long time that gangsters hang out at Laird's, and they have reason to believe that the 65 individuals there that night were members of the so-called "Black Mafiosa."

On the 11th, six of the prisoners were arraigned on nine counts each of armed robbery, with sister Jackie HOWARD being charged with "aiding and abetting."

We view this as just another plot by the establishment and the city government, along with its militarized police, to get the Panthers off the streets by provoking a confrontation between dope pushers and the Black Panther Party. It is clear that the pushers would be glad to see the Panthers out of action, because of the strong party line that the Party has taken against dope in the black community.

The arrests follow a pattern that has been established in Louisville:—the annual summer sweep of militants to keep the city cool—and to try and divert organizing away from real issues, into a struggle to get the black victims out of jail.

Bond was originally set at up to \$7,000 each—and at \$3,000 for Ben Simmons, who turned himself in voluntarily when he heard that there was an order out to shoot him on sight. On May 8, the judge revoked Simmons' bond, and on the 11th it was decided that all the men would be held **without** bail until June 2, when there will be a conference between the judge and the lawyers. Holding men without bond this way is unconstitutional.

## WE NEED YOUR HELP TO FIGHT THIS FRAME-UP:

1. *We need financial help. Send contributions to Louisville Seven Defense Fund, c/o Atty. Bill Allison, 139 South Fourth Street, Room 706, Louisville, Ky.*
2. *We need help in getting information out about the case. For information on how you can help, contact us at SCEF, 3210 W. Broadway, Tel: 778-3348, or at Youth Services Bureau, Tel: 583-3976.*
3. *If you have any information about the REAL events at Laird's on the night of the robbery, please contact Atty. Bill Allison, at the above address.*
4. *Make your feelings about this frame-up known. Write the editors of the Courier-Journal and Louisville Times, 525 W. Broadway, Louisville. Write the judge who revoked bond—Criminal Court Judge S. Rush Nicholson, 1st Kirwin Building, Louisville, Ky.*

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOUISVILLE (157-1219) (P)

DATE: 6/16/72

FROM : SA EDWIN H. EILERS

FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

SUBJECT: BLACK WORKERS COALITION  
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Pursuant to a request on 5/22/72, [redacted] on 6/8/72, furnished SA EDWIN H. EILERS with toll charges and subscriber data concerned with Louisville phone 776-6481, which is listed in the name of the Black Workers Coalition, 2300 West Oak Street, Louisville, Kentucky. The information supplied by the informant has been incorporated into an FD-302 for the above captioned file.

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The records of the South Central Bell Telephone Company, Louisville, disclosed that Louisville phone 776-6481 is business telephone service which was installed on August 11, 1970, in the name of the Black Workers Coalition, 2300 West Oak Street, Louisville, Kentucky. At the time the phone was installed, U.B. THOMAS, JR., was listed as Assistant Chairman with phone service for contact, 776-3272.

This telephone has the following toll charges recorded against it, as set forth hereinafter, which information and that set out above is not to be made public except upon the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum directed to REGINALD L. EUBANK, District Manager, South Central Bell Telephone Company, 521 West Chestnut Street, Louisville, Kentucky:

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SA GEORGE W. HUTCHISON

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Attached to each copy of this memo is a copy of a "Memo From SCEF," captioned "Trials Begin This Week For People Who Protested Louisville Housing Conditions. They Need Our Support."

The above "memo" was received on 6/7/72 at an address maintained for receipt of SCEF literature and publications. The envelope bore the return address of SCEF, 3210 W. Broadway, Louisville. It was postmarked June 4, 1972.

The memo is self-explanatory.

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**Trials begin this week for people who protested Louisville Housing conditions. They need our support.**

You probably read in the papers last March when 12 people were arrested after they began to tear down a decaying building at 18th and Magazine. They were protesting the dangerous, unhealthy, rat-infested structures that are standing in poor areas all over Louisville—that city officials have not seen fit to demolish.

This group—known as the Dirty Dozen—will go on trial this week. They need support from all of us. They say: “We intend to speak loud enough from the stand so that the courtroom knows exactly what took place at 18th and Magazine—and why.”

The Dirty Dozen includes people active in the Louisville Tenants Union, the Black Workers Coalition, Plymouth Settlement House, Sisters of Charity of Nazareth, Ky., and Clergy and Laymen Concerned. Together, they form a group called the Concerned Citizens, which is committed to providing adequate housing for all Louisville citizens.

Concerned Citizens has planned a publicity campaign to reveal “the Louisville of the 70s if some city planning is not revamped.” They say: “We need to raise enough money to describe the living conditions of the poor in the city and the county. All of us need to be aware of the Newburg Area, Perrytown, Smoketown, West End areas, and the core city.”

They are buying billboard space to communicate the facts of housing in Louisville. They will use the “Louisville of the 70s” slogan—but their pictures will not depict the Riverfront.

The demolition squad, last March, was another effort to expose housing problems in Louisville and get something done about them. Since then, the Concerned Citizens have been in touch with city officials who are seeing what can be done about changing the present demolition ordinance. (The city tore down the 18th Street building less than two weeks after the demonstration.)

But although officials have admitted there are problems in the way demolitions have been handled, they have not dropped the charges.

The twelve people arrested are: Sister Peggie Corbett, Sister Janet Dougherty, Sister Kathleen Flaherty, Orville Gerton, Gerald Hall, Sister Barbara Houston, Louis Jennings, Moscoe Rapier, Roosevelt Roberts, Sister Mary Kathleen Sheehan, Ronald Slaughter, and Carol Thomas. They are charged with disorderly conduct.

The 12 asked for separate trials—and they will be tried in the order listed above on Thursday of each week, starting this coming Thursday, June 8, with Sister Peggie. All 12 have been ordered to be present at each of the trials—which will be a real hardship for them and their lawyers.

“Unless the whole community sees this case as a concern of *all* poor people, it will be difficult to rally enough morale to see it through to a successful conclusion,” the Concerned Citizens say.

They are asking people to:

1. Attend a rally this Wednesday evening, June 7, at 7:30 p.m. in the Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, 34th and Southwick. The keynote speaker will be Jesse Gray, a veteran tenants organizer from Harlem and founder of the National Tenants Organization.
2. Come to the trials. They will be held every Thursday from June 8 on, <sup>through August 24,</sup> at 1 p.m., in Judge Baer's Court. (That's in police court, back of City Hall at 6th and Jefferson).

The Concerned Citizens are asking for individuals and organizations to get in touch with them in advance, to let them know which of the trials you will be able to attend. “We believe a lot of people care,” they say. “If some of these people turn up all 12 of these days, it is the beginning of saying to everyone, ‘We are together and we can do something for everyone in our group.’” Call them at 776-6481 or 583-2026 or write them at 651 South 17th Street, Louisville, Ky. 40203, to let them know when you will attend.

3. Send contributions to the address above, for legal expenses and for their continuing campaign

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On 5/16/72, Detective JACK BYRD was alerted to the fact that HENRI WILLIAMS planned to conduct a rally on the courthouse steps in Louisville, Kentucky, on May 19, 1972. BYRD in turn advised that the "Stop Dope Now" office is located at 3029 West Kentucky Street, Louisville. BYRD also advised that he has determined that the "Stop Dope Now" program is run by a corporation entitled, "Enterprises Unlimited, Incorporated." BYRD stated that the incorporators for this corporation are HENRY OWENS, STERLING NEAL, MARVIN BETHEL.

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May 15, 1972  
Louisville, Kentucky

On Saturday, May 13, 1972, approximately 300 people mostly white assembled at the First Unitarian Church, 4th and York Street, Louisville, Kentucky, for an anti-war rally.

The first speaker was a white female representing a local anti-war group and who spoke strictly about ending the war in Vietnam.

The second speaker was a white male representing the Welfare Rights Organization, who also delivered an anti-war speech. This individual indicated that he was not the leader of the Welfare Rights Organization, but was merely substituting for the leader of that organization who could not be there.

The third speaker was MOSCOE RAPIER of the Black Workers Coalition (BWC). RAPIER talked about the Vietnam War stating that blacks were fighting the wrong war and that the war should be brought back to the United States where the real war was. He indicated that in his opinion the churches were "going to bed with the State," inasmuch as the church upholds segregation. He called the church the pawn of the State. RAPIER delivered the longest speech, lasting approximately 20 minutes. RAPIER was by far the most militant speaker of this group although in source's opinion his speech could not be considered as extremely militant.

A fourth speaker was BRUCE CONWAY, from the Black Committee for Self Defense (BCSD). CONWAY spoke against the war and then spoke mainly in regard to the arrest of the "Louisville Seven," and spoke in regard to the establishment of the "Louisville Seven" defense fund. After CONWAY spoke, BCSD members had a collection in which they netted \$32 for the "Louisville Seven" defense fund. Source indicated that the "Louisville Seven" probably would have gotten more money except that one of the anti-war groups had previously made a collection which netted \$130.



While CONWAY spoke, RON HARRIS, was on the stage behind him acting as a body guard.

The fifth speaker was a white male named THORPE, who spoke against the war, the blockade and against President NIXON.

BCSD members at the rally included CAROLLE MORRIS; REGINA HARWELL; DON SPAULDING; DORIS (Last Name Unknown), and a friend of hers; CHERYL DANIELS, and JOHN WINFIELD. Apparently WINFIELD has decided he will not leave town as he had previously indicated that he was going to. In addition to the BCSD members, several individuals from "ONE" were present.

On Monday, May 15, 1972, the BCSD opened two checking accounts, one under the Black Panther Party (BPP) and the other under the "Louisville Seven" defense fund. A total of \$7 was put in each account. At the present time the names that were listed as authorized signatures for the accounts are BRUCE CONWAY, DON SPAULDING and JUDI SIMMONS. However, it is planned that at a later date, LAURICE HARWELL and CAROLLE MORRIS will be substituted for CONWAY and SPAULDING. When signing for these accounts, CONWAY indicated that he was director and secretary; SPAULDING was assistant director, and JUDI SIMMONS was the treasurer, for the BPP and "Louisville Seven" defense fund.

On the same date, BRUCE CONWAY opened up a Post Office Box #1681, under the name of the "Louisville Seven" defense fund.

On Monday, May 15, 1972, VENESSA STOKES was in charge of the BCSD office temporarily located at the Youth Service Bureau (YSB), 1623 West Chestnut, Louisville. STOKES' main function is to answer the telephone at the office.

BCSD held a meeting at the YSB office. This meeting started at 6:30 PM and ended at approximately 7:30 PM. At the meeting, LAURICE HARWELL attempted to get the membership to vote BRUCE CONWAY off the Collective Leadership. However, this was voted down. HARWELL, apparently bears a deep

resentment toward CONWAY because of CONWAY's criticism of the way HARWELL has spoiled her child.

Those at the meeting included LAURICE HARWELL, BRUCE CONWAY, DON SPAULDING, CHERYL DANIELS, MARK (Last Name Unknown), VENESSA STOKES, KATARA, and REGINA HARWELL. In addition, DON SPAULDING's girl friend, VELIANNE (Last Name Unknown) was at this meeting.

MARK (Last Name Unknown) was described as a Negro male, 5'9", 150 pounds, dark complexion, small Afro, approximately 19 years old.

DON SPAULDING and BRUCE CONWAY took photographs of BCSD members at the meeting. These photographs will be sent to New York along with each member's security form. Extra prints of these photos will be made and some copies will be retained for the use of the BCSD.

At approximately 7:30 PM on May 15, 1972, KATARA left the YSB office and traveled to Standiford Airport where he caught a flight back to New York. Prior to leaving, KATARA indicated that he anticipated that he would return to Louisville within a week. MARK (Last Name Unknown) drove him to the airport.

As previously mentioned, the BCSD is currently utilizing the YSB office at 1623 West Chestnut Street, Louisville. VENESSA STOKES usually mans the office from 10:00 AM until 3:00 PM and then MARK (Last Name Unknown) takes over from 3:00 PM to 8:00 PM.

In relationship to the raising of funds for the "Louisville Seven" defense fund one of the methods which will be employed will be contact store-front churches as it is felt that this type of church will be more receptive to the "Louisville Seven" cause than will be established churches.

Source has determined that VENESSA STOKES is married to NELSON STOKES. NELSON STOKES is not a member of the BCSD. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] VENESSA STOKES resides somewhere near 38th and Grand Streets. She is described as a Negro female approximately 21, 5'7", 120 pounds, large Afro, hazel eyes, and medium complexion.

At the moment the BCSD plans to confine its activities to gathering funds for the "Louisville Seven" defense fund and gaining as much publicity as possible. In addition to contacting store-front churches, the BCSD plans to solicit money from black businessmen.

There will be a rally at the courthouse in Louisville, Kentucky, on Friday, May 19, 1972. This rally was organized by HENRI WILLIAMS. It is an "African Liberation Day Rally" which WILLIAMS considers to be the forerunner of the African Liberation Day Rally which is to be held in Washington, D.C., on May 27, 1972.

WILLIAMS has indicated that he wants a representative from the BCSD to speak at the rally. It is anticipated that BRUCE CONWAY is going to speak for the party. WILLIAMS apparently had his office at the "Stop Dope Now" office, somewhere in the west end of Louisville. WILLIAMS has indicated that he still plans to travel to Washington, D.C., on May 27, 1972 to attend the African Liberation Day Rally there.

The BCSD will hold its regularly scheduled meeting on Friday, May 19, 1972 at 6:00 PM at the YSB Office. The BCSD is still considering moving their office back to 1140 Dixie Highway, if they can get enough money to do so. They have also considered establishing an office at another location if a suitable location can be found.

DON SPAULDING is currently in charge of attempting to find a suitable location for a BCSD office.

JACK (LastName Unknown), MAURICE ANDERSON, and LEON LAWLESS are apparently not associated with the BCSD any longer.

ROBERT WARD, also known as SLIM, is still associated with the BCSD but is currently attempting to locate an appropriate place for the BCSD to hold a dance which will be part of the fund raising activities for the "Louisville Seven". WARD is hoping to find a place for free in which a dance can be held.

It has been mentioned that J. J. FUGETT may be suspended from the BCSD since he has been out of contact for quite some time and nobody knows where he is. It has been mentioned that FUGETT will be placed on 14 days work suspension.

[redacted] has been walking the streets for four days without any place to stay because his girl friend "kicked" him out of her house. It is not anticipated that any disciplinary action will be taken against [redacted] because it is felt by the membership that [redacted] is not capable of taking care of himself and therefore, everyone merely tolerates his activities.

May 16, 1972  
Louisville, Kentucky

Source is not familiar with anyone named TERRANCE BOSWELL but is familiar with an individual named DEBO. Source believes that DEBO's first name is JOHN.

Source indicated that DEBO is from the Newburg area of Louisville, and associates with individuals named DANNY SOWELL and ROBERT CHANDLER. Source believes that DEBO, SOWELL, and CHANDLER are strictly car thieves and not involved in any extremist type activity.

The remaining issues of "Right On" which were sent from New York are still being stored at 1140 Dixie Highway. KATARA, prior to his departing for New York, indicated that these papers should be retrieved from the office.

Source recalls that MARK (last name unknown) one of the newer members of the BCSD first came by the YSB office with an individual named GERTON. GERTON is almost always hanging around the Russell area as well as the Plymouth Settlement House. MARK (Last Name Unknown) and VENESSA STOKES, both seem to be familiar with GERTON. DON SPAULDING has indicated [REDACTED]

KATARA before leaving for New York, indicated that BERNICE JONES wants a report on what has happened to the money which was gained from the sale of the newspaper, "Right On." JONES does not want any money from the BCSD because she realizes that the BCSD needs all the money it can gather for the "Louisville Seven," however, she does want an accounting.

Source noted that JUDI SIMMONS has not been around the BCSD nearly as much as she use to be. Source does not know the reason for this.

VELIANNE (Last Name Unknown), DON SPAULDING's girl friend and new member of the BCSD, lives in the Hikes Point area, somewhere off Breckinridge Lane. She is described as a Negro female, 5'4", medium complexion, medium Afro, about 90 pounds, small frame, about 20 years old, and wears octagon shaped glasses. She is not employed and hangs around the Plymouth Settlement House all the time. She does not have her own automobile and source believes that her mother works somewhere around the Plymouth Settlement House, if not at the Plymouth Settlement House and that VELIANNE (Last Name Unknown), rides to and from the Plymouth Settlement House with her mother. Source noted that VELIANNE is not the girl at Village West with whom DON SPAULDING is presently staying.

DON SPAULDING is supposed to move into G. T. ALEXANDER's mother's home at 2418 Garland with G. T., and GERONIMO. They were supposed to move into the home on May 19, 1972. SPAULDING stated that he is going to check with G.T.'s mother to see if she will still allow him to move in by himself on that date.

G. T. ALEXANDER's mother is supposed to pay BILL ALLISON's fee which is supposedly \$100.

DON SPAULDING attends trade school at the Woodlawn Garage. This school is in some way affiliated with the Lincoln School according to the source.

The BCSD plans to print several pamphlets with regard to outlining the facts surrounding the arrests of the "Louisville Seven." KATARA suggested that some of these pamphlets be issued under the name of the BPP, some under the name of the "Louisville Seven" defense fund and others using the name of fictitious organizations. KATARA suggested that this would give the impression that there were many organizations supporting the "Louisville Seven." It is planned that the BCSD will adopt this idea.

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Source has determined that the individual whom source had previously referred to as JIMMY (Last Name Unknown), who was on the Black Workers Coalition (BWC), Board of Directors, is JIMMY L. COX. COX resides at 521 East Walnut and is employed at Ford Motor Company.

Source has learned that GLADYS CHILDRESS resides at 1337 South 32nd Street, and that Sister MARY KATHLEEN resides at 651 South 17th Street.

Last week's activities included a drug education class on Monday, May 15, 1972.

On Tuesday, there was no meeting held at the BWC Office, however, CONNIE (Last Name Unknown), was at the office most of the day typing up grievances that various individuals associated with the BWC had filed.

On Wednesday, May 17, 1972, the BWC had its regularly scheduled Board of Directors meeting.

There was no activity nor any meetings at the BWC on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Source commented that it is very seldom that the BWC's office is inactive for three consecutive days. Source noted that Saturday is usually a very busy day at the BWC office.

MOSE RAPIER is in the Veterans Administration (VA) Hospital in Louisville, Kentucky.

ROOSEVELT ROBERTS was scheduled to speak at a rally at the courthouse, Louisville, on May 19, 1972. ROBERTS indicated that he preferred not to speak at this rally and when someone called the BWC office to confirm ROOSEVELT ROBERTS' speaking engagement, he told them that he was too busy and would not be able to make it. Actually this was not true since ROBERTS was not that busy and could have made this engagement if he desired.



On Sunday, May 21, 1972, the BWC held its regularly scheduled meeting and as usual the office was completely filled with people. RON SLAUGHTER conducted the meeting. Most of the individuals at the meeting were from the Ford Plant and the discussion centered upon establishing a Black Grievance Committee at the Ford Plant which committee would be independent of any labor union. SLAUGHTER mentioned the BWC has an unidentified source who will furnish funds to the BWC which will enable them to establish the above described grievance committee. SLAUGHTER indicated that with the money made available by this source, the BWC will be able to hire full time employees, who will work at the Black Grievance Committee office which will be right at the Ford Plant.

SLAUGHTER has established a Black Youth Coalition, made up of blacks in the immediate neighborhood around the BWC office. The Coalition meets in the basement of the BWC office. The Coalition is in the process of establishing a food crisis program, which will serve needy people in the West End of Louisville.

SLAUGHTER and Sister MARY KATHLEEN are at the BWC Office almost every day. They open the office at approximately 10:00 AM and the office remains open with one of them being there all day.

Source has gained no further information concerning the BWC being affiliated with International Black Workers Congress (IBWC). As far as source can determine, there has been no new members who have come into the BWC. As far as source knows, there has been no outside influence exerted upon the BWC.

BWC tightened up its security because in the recent past a teenager broke into the office and stole some of their papers. As a result they have placed locks on all of their file cabinets and in general are more security conscience.

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The African Liberation Day Rally got started shortly after noon on May 19, 1972. It was held on the courthouse steps in downtown Louisville. An individual named HOWARD who spoke at the rally is the individual who had obtained the permit for the rally. The following individuals spoke at the rally:

MORRIS JEFF

KIP MACKEY

HENRI WILLIAMS

VELIANNE (Last Name Unknown)

BRUCE CONWAY

Individual named HOWARD

KUYU SIMS

HENRI WILLIAMS spoke about the Vietnam War as did HOWARD. MORRIS JEFF spoke concerning the repression of blacks and about the Vietnam War. VELIANNE spoke about the Louisville Seven and BRUCE CONWAY spoke about the Black Panther Party (BPP) Program. KUYU SIMS spoke but no one seemed to be able to interpret what he said.

VELIANNE (last name unknown) was a last minute substitution for JUDI SIMMONS who was supposed to speak regarding the Louisville Seven. JUDI SIMMONS was present at the rally but at the last minute decided she did not want to talk so VELIANNE substituted for her.

CHARLES THOMAS was present at this rally which caused much consternation among the Black Committee for Self-Defense (BCSD) members. BCSD members still fear that CHARLES THOMAS is a stooge for the police and as he becomes familiar with more BCSD members will falsely implicate them in the Laird's armed robbery.

G. T. ALEXANDER's brother, DON, was at the rally. He took photographs of the rally for the BCSD.

The following BCSD members were present at the meeting:

CHERYL DANIELS  
VANESSA STOKES  
MARK (last name unknown)  
SLIM  
VELIANNE (last name unknown)  
JUDI SIMMONS  
BRUCE CONWAY  
REGINA HARWELL  
CAROLLE MORRIS

The rally lasted for approximately one hour and source estimates that 100 to 150 people were there.

After the rally at approximately 4:00 PM, at Holy Cross Church, HENRI WILLIAMS talked with KUYU SIMS indicating that he plans to leave Louisville on Friday, May 26, 1972, in the early morning hours. WILLIAMS plans to travel to Washington, D.C. to attend the African Liberation Day Rally to be held there on May 27, 1972. WILLIAMS indicated that he expects that somewhere between 50 and 100 people will travel with him. WILLIAMS plans to rent a truck to take these people to Washington, D.C. In addition to the truck, WILLIAMS hopes to have several cars which will aid in accommodating these individuals. WILLIAMS indicated that he is going to make reservations at an unnamed hotel in Washington, D.C. for the people who will accompany him to D.C. Although not indicating what his source of information was, WILLIAMS stated that there will be between eight to ten thousand people at the rally. WILLIAMS stated that at the present time he has \$300.00 towards travel and lodging expenses for the trip and that he would like to collect \$300.00 more for the trip. WILLIAMS claims that he has obtained \$300.00 through solicitations directed at black businessmen.

HENRI WILLIAMS and KUYU SIMS are sponsoring a dance to be held on Friday night, May 13, 1972, at the Holy Cross Church. Apparently they have sponsored such dances in the past. At these dances they apparently hired

security guards. They would be glad to have male members from the BCSD act as guards at the dances and give them a percentage of the gates for their services. WILLIAMS estimated that if this dance is as successful as other dances have been, he would be able to give the BCSD members a total of between \$50.00 and \$75.00.

The money received by the BCSD members will be turned over to the Party half of which will then be channeled into the Louisville Seven Defense Fund.

At the rally earlier in the day HENRI WILLIAMS had announced that there would be a three-day conference beginning on Friday, May 19, 1972, at 4:00 PM at Holy Cross Church. This would be a conference regarding black affairs. However no one showed up for this conference.

KIP MACKEY is apparently more friendly with KUYU SIMS than he is with HENRI WILLIAMS. MACKEY is described as a Negro male, age 20-21, 5'10", 155 pounds, medium build, medium complexion, wears glasses, small Afro.

The individual named HOWARD who spoke at the rally is one of the Directors of the Youth Services Bureau (YSB). He indicated that he is an ex-convict. He is described as follows:

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| Race            | Negro                                   |
| Sex             | Male                                    |
| Age             | 28                                      |
| Height          | 6'                                      |
| Weight          | 180                                     |
| Build           | Medium                                  |
| Characteristics | Beard in chin area, small Afro, glasses |

HOWARD is the individual who provided DON SPAULDING with the office which currently houses the "hot line" for the BCSD in which office the BCSD utilizes quite frequently.

DON SPAULDING, CAROLLE MORRIS and possibly JOHN WINFIELD are scheduled to meet with BILL ALLISON at ALLISON's office on Saturday, May 20, 1972, to discuss plans to publicize the cause of the Louisville Seven.

The BCSD will hold no meeting on May 19, 1972, because they are no longer allowed to use the YSB office for their meetings. DON SPAULDING is looking for a place in which BCSD meetings can be held. There is a possibility that future meetings may be held at Holy Cross.

KUYU SIMS is attempting to schedule a conference sometime in June, 1972. He stated that this conference will be labeled as a survival conference for blacks. At this conference the cause of the Louisville Seven will be publicized.

HENRI WILLIAMS has mentioned that he plans to hold a rally sometime in the month of August, 1972 in Frankfort, Kentucky. This will be a three-day conference and the theme will be repression of blacks. WILLIAMS stated that he is going to attempt to get SHIRLEY CHISOLM to speak. WILLIAMS has not initiated any activity with regard to this conference but indicated that he would do so when he returned from Washington, D.C.

Source describes WILLIAMS as an excellent organizer and very intelligent as well as very militant. With regard to WILLIAMS' militancy, source stated that WILLIAMS does not subscribe to any Party ideology such as the Black Panther ideology. Rather WILLIAMS has his own ideology which is an indication of his intelligence in the amount of thought he pours into his activities.

Louisville, Kentucky  
May 22, 1972

On Friday, May 19, 1972, BRUCE CONWAY, DON SPAULDING, MARK (last name unknown) and GORDON MOORE were security guards at the dance at Holy Cross Church. It has not been determined how much money was taken in at the dance and as yet the Party has not received its money.

On Saturday, May 20, 1972, JUDI SIMMONS, DON SPAULDING and CAROLLE MORRIS met with Attorney BILL ALLISON and made plans to publicize the cause of the Louisville Seven.

Either DON SPAULDING or VANESSA STOKES has arranged that a representative of the Black Committee for Self-Defense (BCSD) will tape a radio program for station WLOU which will be presented sometime on Thursday May 25, 1972.

The program is scheduled to be taped on May 23, 1972.

The BCSD will hold a meeting on May 22, 1972 at Southern Conference Educational Fund, Inc. (SCEF) at 6:00 PM.

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May 30, 1972

Source has heard no further mention of the International Black Workers Congress (IBWC) at any Black Workers Coalition (BWC) function or from any individual associated with the BWC. As far as source knows, the BWC has not had any contact with the IBWC.

With regard to any Communist influence in the BWC, source feels this is an unlikely prospect because on several occasions source has overheard ROOSEVELT ROBERTS and MOSE RAPIER denounce Communism. Source recalls that one of the reasons ROBERTS and RAPIER were so opposed to the presence of LOUIS JENNINGS in the BWC was that they felt he had "Communist tendencies." Because of these anti-Communist sentiments expressed by ROBERTS and RAPIER, source does not feel that the BWC would be receptive to any IBWC overtures.

As far as source is aware, no representatives from the IBWC has had any contact with the BWC. There has never been an individual at any BWC meeting who has professed to be a representative of the IBWC. Source is not familiar with an individual named RICK REED (Southern Coordinator for IBWC, Atlanta, Georgia), and has never heard his name mentioned at any BWC function or by anyone associated with the BWC.

The BWC has no plans to organize or to participate in any strike in August, 1972, which strike would be part of a nationwide work stoppage by blacks. As previously reported, the main goal of the BWC at the present time is the establishment of a type of all black grievance committee office at the Ford plant, Louisville, Kentucky.

Source is not familiar with the name DANIEL JOSEPH BROWN, JR. (IBWC organizer, Gary, Indiana) and has never heard his name mentioned at any BWC function or by anyone associated with the BWC.

Source has heard no mention made of a Black Workers Freedom Conference to be held on Labor Day weekend at Cincinnati, Ohio, or of any plans by the BWC to attend such a conference.

Source is not familiar with an individual called Brother JAMES from Detroit. Source has never heard the General Motors Union Movement (GMRUM) mentioned at the BWC, however, source recalls that on February 12, 1972, source obtained a copy of the "Voice Of The Plant-tation" at 1140 Dixie Highway which was then the office of the Black Committee For Self Defense (BCSD). The "Voice Of The Plant-tation" is a newsletter published by GMRUM. The newsletter was dated April 30, 1971.

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participation in rally, 5/13/72

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- 1 - 157-909 (LWRO)
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- 1 - 100-197 (SCEF)
- 1 - 157-1112 (NOI)
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Louisville, Kentucky  
May 14, 1972

Source furnished the following information concerning the Black Committee for Self-Defense (BCSD), Louisville, Kentucky:

Several Louisville, Kentucky, Negro clergymen have indicated that the BCSD is attempting to solicit financial assistance from Negro churches in connection with the defense of several BCSD members recently arrested for armed robbery at Louisville, Kentucky. BCSD members have referred to the Negro church as an "arm of the establishment," which is cooperating with the "white power structure" throughout America to pacify the young Negro who has come to realize that liberation can only be obtained through forceful actions. BCSD members apparently intend to canvass all Louisville, Kentucky, Negro clergymen and enlist their respective financial support. Although no actual threats have been made to clergymen who refuse or have indicated that they intend to refuse to make contributions, the general feeling is that the BCSD may initiate some type of reprisal action against them if they do not cooperate.

On May 13, 1972, spokesmen from several organizations spoke to approximately two hundred persons at an anti-war rally held at the First Unitarian Church, Fourth and York Streets, Louisville, Kentucky.

MOSCOE RAPIER, representing the Black Workers Coalition (BWC), spoke about the oppression of the black man in America and his difficulty in obtaining equal employment. RAPIER appears to be a militant speaker who frequently lashes out at the "white businessman" as the source of employment inequities within the American system. RAPIER indicated during his short speech, that the black businessman would "get a piece of the action" even if the "white businessman" attempted to prevent him. RAPIER was very critical of the Negro church, asserting that the church has "been in bed" with the state and that the church is probably more responsible for the segregation that exists in America today, than any other single organization or group of persons.

Also present at the above-mentioned rally was a representative of the Black Panther Party (BPP), whose last name was CONWAY. During a short speech, CONWAY was flanked by other BPP members and spoke in a reserved manner. CONWAY referred to the recent BCSD arrests as a "political frame-up" and charged local newspapers with "conspiracy" with authorities by not reporting accurately the events surrounding the robbery of Laird's Tourist Home, Louisville, Kentucky, on May 5, 1972.

At the completion of the above-mentioned rally, BPP members stood at the rear doors of the First Unitarian Church and solicited cash donations from those in attendance. It is not known how much money was collected by the BPP.

ERASTUS X. WILLIAMS, recognized Nation of Islam (NOI) leader in the Louisville, Kentucky area, has indicated that the NOI now has approximately one hundred individuals within the Louisville, Kentucky area, who are either active members, supporters, or sympathizers of said group. WILLIAMS appears to be devoutly interested in the NOI ideology and a staunch supporter of ELIJA MOHAMMED. However, he does not appear to be as anti-established church as many of his fellow NOI members in the Louisville, Kentucky area, are. Although WILLIAMS claims to have at least one hundred individuals interested in some manner, in the NOI, actual active membership based on observation and conversation with individuals familiar with NOI activities, is believed to be approximately fifteen-twenty-five.

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- 1 - 157-1553 (MORRIS)
- 1 - 157-1557 (TAYLOR)
- 1 - 157-1384 (BAINES)
- 1 - 157-1574 (SPAULDING)
- 1 - 157-1246 (MOORE)
- 1 - 157-1301 (SIMMONS)
- 1 - 157-1477 (ALEXANDER)
- 1 - 157-1481 (SIMMONS, JUDI)
- 1 - 157-1486 (JONES)
- 1 - 157-1567 (BENNETT)
- 1 - 157-1569 (HARWELL)
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Louisville, Kentucky  
April 13, 1972

Source furnished the following information concerning the Black Committee for Self Defense (BCSD), Louisville, Kentucky:

BENJAMIN SIMMONS, BCSD founder and recognized leader, reportedly left Louisville, Kentucky, sometime either late April 11, 1972, or early April 12, 1972, for an unknown location. JUDI SIMMONS, spouse of BENJAMIN SIMMONS, claims to have no knowledge of his intended destination. In SIMMONS' absence, G. T. ALEXANDER has apparently assumed leadership of the BCSD, however, the BCSD maintains that the "collective leadership" is currently in charge. Practically speaking, however, it appears that ALEXANDER is now the recognized BCSD leader and spokesman.

Present at the BCSD office, 1140 Dixie Highway, Louisville, Kentucky, on the morning of April 13, 1972, were LARRY BAINES, DON SPAULDING, GORDON MOORE and SAMMIE TAYLOR. Located on the desk inside the BCSD office were index cards bearing the names IMANIS BENNETT, CAROLLE MORRIS, and SAMMIE LEE TAYLOR, all of whom are believed to be BCSD members.

BCSD members have indicated that the Black Workers Coalition (BWC) is sponsoring a car wash on April 15, 1972, to raise funds for its operation. There are no known formal connections between the BWC and the BCSD.

DON SPAULDING, who recently acquired a black attache type briefcase, has been frequently observed within the BCSD office and is apparently standing duty as "Officer of the Day". SPAULDING recently claimed to have some possibility of employment at the California Community Center, however, details of same are unknown.

BEN SIMMONS, while residing at Louisville, Kentucky, most recently lived on the top floor of 1134 Dixie Highway, Louisville, Kentucky, and had access to a telephone, which had an unlisted number, and may have been installed in the name of LAURICE HARWELL.

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ADMINISTRATIVE DATA:

On 5/10/72, [redacted] furnished ten (10) copies of above-described publication. Copies of same were subsequently disseminated to Louisville PD and Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, Louisville, Ky., for informational purposes. [redacted] identified BENJAMIN SIMMONS as individual depicted in attached photo as marked.

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THE COMMUNITY CONDEMS HAZARDOUS BUILDING AND TEARS IT DOWN

## *We Demand Decent Housing*

Peoples of the Black community of Louisville, Kentucky and members of various organizations, Louisville chapter of the Black Panther Party, Black Workers Coalition, and other organizations including nuns, moved on a vacant house that had burned down a few months ago.

This house was a health hazard to the Black community. The city of Louisville refused to condemn the building or demolish it. On Friday, March 10, a meeting was held at Plymouth Settlement House with the people from the community. Later the people moved on the building into the streets. This action blocked traffic for about a block. About 150 people looked on and shouted "Right On" Brothers. Just then another rubbish area. They then started throwing rubbish into the streets.

Minutes later about seven cars from the Louisville pig department arrived on the scene and began to tell the people to move back. The pigs did not know what to do because they recognized the power of the people. They began to put them in the pig cruisers (the brothers and sisters that were inside the rubbish building) to lock them up.

The people of the black community of Louisville, Kentucky are beginning to realize the power that they have invested within themselves. They are beginning to show the power structure of Louisville the power of the people.

Point #4 of the Black Panther Party 10 Point Program and Platform states: We demand decent housing, fit for the shelter of human beings.

DARE TO STRUGGLE, DARE TO WIN

BLACK PANTHER PARTY  
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- 1 - 157-1504 (RAPIER)
- 1 - 157-1503 (ROBERTS)
- 1 - 157-1549 (HOUSTON)
- 1 - 157-1505 (JENNINGS)
- 1 - 157-1469 (BCSD)
- 1 - 157-1548 (GERTON)
- 1 - 157-DEAD (GLADYS CHILDRESS)
- 1 - 157-DEAD (WOODROW ROBERTS)
- 1 - 157-DEAD (CONNIE LAST NAME UNKNOWN)
- 1 - 157-DEAD (JIMMY LAST NAME UNKNOWN)
- 1 - 100-6004 (FLAHERTY)
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ADMINISTRATIVE:

On May 16, 1972, source provided a letter with attachments which letter is dated April 10, 1972 and which is signed by the Concerned Citizens, 651 South 17th Street, Louisville, Kentucky.

Source also provided a list which is entitled, Black Community Demands, introductory statement, which outlines demands presented to the city of Louisville from the Black Community of Louisville.

Copies of the above mentioned material is being attached to copies of this report designated for LS file  and LS file 157-1219.

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Louisville, Kentucky  
May 8, 1972

The Black Workers Coalition (BWC) continues to hold regularly scheduled meetings almost every day. The BWC holds its largest and most important meeting on Sundays. At various times, source has heard references made to the International Black Workers Congress (IBWC) although the source cannot recall specifically what was said about the IBWC.

The BWC has as its main target the Ford Plant in Louisville, Kentucky, where they continue to allege at their meetings that discriminatory practices are being maintained. Just what form of action will be taken against these discriminatory actions is uncertain at this time.

A typical week at the BWC office in regard to their activities is as follows:

SUNDAY:

The BWC holds a meeting for the community in general usually starting at approximately 1:00 PM and ending about 5:00 or 6:00 PM. This is by far the biggest meeting of the week held at the BWC. Members of the community, predominantly Black workers, attend this meeting and discuss their problems. The meeting's format is in general a free lance discussion.

MONDAY:

The BWC conducts its drug abuse program which is headed by GLADYS CHILDRESS. This meeting is attended mostly by young people particularly teen-agers. CHILDRESS usually shows a film and afterwards leads a discussion concerning the harmful effects of drugs.

TUESDAY:

There is no meeting scheduled on Tuesday, however, there is usually some sort of gathering there in the evening hours as people stop by the office merely to talk. In this fashion there have been ad hoc meetings held at the BWC office on Tuesday evenings.

WEDNESDAY:

The BWC holds its board meeting every Wednesday evening at the office. The board consists of ten individuals which include ROOSEVELT ROBERTS, CONNIE (LAST NAME UNKNOWN), MOSE RAPIER, GLADYS CHILDRESS, RON SLAUGHTER, Sister MARY KATHLEEN SHEEHAN, JIMMY (LAST NAME UNKNOWN), WOODROW ROBERTS, and two unknown Negro Males. This meeting is closed to the public.

THURSDAY:

The BWC holds a Youth Meeting on this date whereby plans are made for picnics, dances and other events for Black youths in the West end. At the present time plans are being made at these meetings to obtain employment for young Blacks during the summer.

FRIDAY:

No meetings are held at the BWC on Friday but on many Fridays social events for young Blacks such as dances are held at the office.

SATURDAY:

On many Saturdays the BWC Office will be opened in the morning and individuals will stop by and meetings will be held. These are usually informal meetings and usually involve discussions concerning the problems that BLACK laborers encounter at their jobs. The BWC also has a car wash on Saturday in front of the office, which is conducted by young Blacks in the neighborhood.

Louisville, Kentucky  
May 16, 1972

RON SALUGHTER has been gone all week. It is believed that he is out of town and is working on some type of youth project.

At the BWC meeting on Sunday, May 14, 1972, the discussion centered around the formation of all black grievance boards to be set up at various plants in the Louisville, Kentucky area. The BWC is especially interested in establishing such a board at the Ford Plant. It is hoped that every grievance board will have its own office right at the plant.

MOSE RAPIER has been spending a lot of time at the Plymouth settlement house along with Sister MARY KATHLEEN FLAHERTY who is commonly known as Sister KATHLEEN. RAPIER and Sister KATHLEEN travel around quite a bit together. Sister KATHLEEN is also spending a lot of time working with a white male, First Name Unknown BRICKENS, an attorney who at one time was employed by the Legal Aid Society in Louisville, Kentucky, if he is not so employed at the present time.

Within the last two weeks, the BWC Office, which had formerly been closed during the daytime, has been opened. CONNIE (LAST NAME UNKNOWN) is usually at the BWC Office during the day and often times MOSE RAPIER and Sister KATHLEEN would stop by.

Sister BARBARA HOUSTON does not generally stop by the BWC office during the week but usually attends the BWC Sunday meetings.

BWC has established a "Crisis Program". This is a program which provides food money and any other type of help to poor people in the West End. RON SLAUGHTER heads this program.

Source has observed mail which has been arriving at the BWC Office which is from the International Black Workers Congress. Source does not know the contents of this mail.

The BWC has a post office box number where mail is received in addition to the mail received at the BWC Office.



LOUIS JENNINGS and ORVILLE GERTON have not been at the BWC Office. Source is certain that GERTON is not affiliated with the BWC and at this time he is uncertain as to what JENNINGS' status is.

BWC members still indicate that they are not interested in forming any type of alliance with the Black Committee for Self-Defense (BCSD), indicating that the BCSD is too violence prone.

There has been no mention made by any of the BWC leaders regarding soliciting churches in the Louisville, Kentucky area for money for the BWC or for any other cause, however, the source has overheard some of the nuns who frequent the BWC office talking among themselves that they think it would be a good idea to request money from churches. The source is not aware that the BWC has made any attempts to get money from churches, however, the source thinks it possible that perhaps one or more of the nuns may have mentioned it to some church people in the Louisville, Kentucky area.

651 South 17th Street  
Louisville, Kentucky 40203  
April 10, 1972

Dear Friend,

Enclosed are two newspaper articles describing the demonstration on 18th and Magazine. A progress report of Citizens Concerned and future plans of the group are also included.

Our goals to change our neighborhood are simple and within reach. We feel positive about future actions since our conversation with George Burton, Director of Building and Housing, Louisville, Kentucky. With commitment, perseverance and humor we believe it is possible to rally Louisvillians to demand that all citizens receive adequate living quarters. To avoid the housing issue in Louisville is to ignore our responsibility to many suffering citizens.

We need your help now. We plan a publicity campaign to reveal the "Louisville of the 70's" if some city planning is not revamped. We need to raise enough money to describe the living conditions of the poor in the city and the county. All of us need to be aware of the Newburg Area, Perrytown, Smoke-town, West End Areas, and the core city.

We intend to use 18 billboards in key areas of the city to communicate the facts of housing in many areas of Louisville. We will use the "Louisville of the 70's" slogans, but our pictures will not depict the Riverfront.

Help us in our cause. Contribute \$5 or \$10. Ask your church to consider a billboard as a project. Become a member of Citizens Concerned.

Thanks are extended to Epiphany Social Action Group for their generous contribution of \$125, cost of one billboard. We are also delighted to hear that this group will be working along with the Berrytown community to assure the best in housing development there.

Hope is a duty not just a nicety. "Happy are those who dream dreams and are ready to pay the price to make them come through." Card. Sueness

Help us make this dream come true by mailing your contribution to:

Concerned Citizens  
651 South 17th Street  
Louisville, Kentucky 40203



# Twelve arrested after attempt to demolish old building

By CHRIS WADDLE  
Courier-Journal Staff Writer

Twelve persons were arrested in the Russell neighborhood of western Louisville yesterday afternoon while they were dramatizing complaints about abandoned, derelict buildings by trying to demolish one such structure by hand.

Doors and debris were ripped from a two-story residence on the west side of 18th Street about two doors north of Magazine. Everything that could be torn loose was thrown into the street.

Then the group moved to a nearby vacant lot containing a large stack of bricks. About 100 bricks were thrown into the street.

Louisville police said a crowd of 75 to 100 onlookers, mostly teen-agers, gathered.

Policemen emphasized that none of the participants threw bricks or anything else at the officers who were assigned to the scene in four or five patrol cars.

The incident lasted 45 minutes to an hour and ended when the 12 were taken to the city jail at 5 p.m. and charged with disorderly conduct.

Officers said the charges were lodged because the demonstrators continued to throw the bricks and debris into the street after being told to stop.

Mrs. Carol W. Thomas, a community worker with the Louisville Tenants Union and one of those arrested, said later the participants came from the tenants union, the Housing Opportunity Center and a Plymouth Settlement House education project called Plymouth-Communiversity.

"People have been upset because the inner city is just full of junk houses," Mrs. Thomas said.

"We have asked the city to do something about the houses," she said. "Kids get in them and get injured, fires get started in them; they are places where vermin and rats collect, and they become dumping grounds for the neighborhood."

Officials at the city Sanitation Department and the Department of Building and Housing Inspection were contacted and asked to do something about deserted buildings in the inner city, according to Mrs. Thomas. She said the officials have said there is no money to demolish such places.

"We kept hearing there is no money for demolition," Mrs. Thomas said. "But at the same time we hear about the Louis-

ville. Development Commission raising money to add onto the zoo.

"That made a lot of people angrier," she said.

Mrs. Thomas said the group members had decided they were willing to go to jail to dramatize their complaint over the buildings they think should be demolished.

"We plan to continue until we are successful," she added. "We'll go back to the same place, and when we get that one down, we'll go to other places."

George C. Burton, director of the city Department of Building and Housing Inspections, said last night the city had budgeted \$35,000 for demolition of derelict houses during the fiscal year that began last July 1.

"We've spent what they allotted to us," Burton said, "and there is no more."

Burton said the cost of tearing down deserted housing runs from \$600 for a small frame house to thousands of dollars for larger structures, but averages \$1,000 to \$1,200.

He said demolition is carried out after a lengthy process that includes a public hearing, an appraisal and an order to the owner to repair or close or demolish his structure. The city can have a place demolished if the owner fails to comply, but the cost of the work is charged to the city.

Henri Mangeot, executive assistant to Louisville Mayor Frank W. Burke, said Louisville officials have applied for a grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The grant would permit more demolitions to take place this year, according to Mangeot, but he didn't know the status of the application nor the possible amount of such funds.

Mangeot also said he didn't know how much money might be earmarked for demolitions in next year's city budget.

Asked about the threat from yesterday's demonstrators that they would repeat their measures to dramatize the problem of old structures, Mangeot said this:

"The city is in the business of enforcing the law. Anytime they're in that kind of activity, they're in violation of the law. So the conclusion is inevitable."

Meanwhile, the demonstrators arrested yesterday were released on their own bond of \$100 on order of Louisville Traffic Judge Robert E. Delahanty. They

are to be arraigned at 9 a.m. today in the city's Police Court.

Five nuns were among those arrested. The 12 are:

Moscoe Thomas Rapier Jr., 32, 1700 block of St. Louis; Jerold Lee Hall, 20, 8500 block Sugar Plum; Louis Jennings, 26, 2800 block Greenwood; Sister Janet Claire Dougherty, 35, 600 block S. 17th; Roosevelt Roberts, 32, 3500 block Navanac; Ronald Gregory Slaughter, 25, 600 block Curry Court; Orville Z. Gerton, also known as William Gerton, 21, 500 block S. 16th; Carol W. Thomas, 38, 500 W. Hill St.; Sister Peggie Christine Corbett, 29, 600 block S. 17th; sister Mary Kathleen Sheehan, 600 block S. 17th; Sister Barbra M. Houston, 600 block S. 17th; Sister Kathleen Mary Flaherty, 600 block S. 17th.

## Wonders About Funds

To The Editor:

The report of the Louisville Tenant Union demonstration protesting run-down housing noted there is a fund budgeted to tear down such structures, but it is now exhausted. Mayor Burke commented on TV the situation obtains because money is lacking although federal funding is being sought.

I would appreciate the city law office and/or some representatives of the communications media taking up these questions in reference to the situation: 1. Does the city have difficulty collecting taxes from such property? 2. If the city uses the budgeted fund to dismantle these structures does it then place a lien against the property until the owner repays this money, thereby keeping the fund available? 3. Is there an interest rate on these funds, which in effect are loans to the owner, so that he may repay over an extended period of time? 4. If the amount is not repaid is there an interest rate that mounts so that the city may take over the property in a manner similar to that for unpaid taxes? 5. Is such property, when it is taken over, available to social and religious organizations which are attempting to help low income persons achieve better living conditions?

Mary V. Hohman

Louisville

## Blasts Housing Inaction

To The Editor:

The West End of Louisville is plagued by rat infested, vermin infested, burned out, boarded-up, dilapidated, abandoned buildings. These structures are not only unsafe for children, but unhealthy physically as well as mentally. The City of Louisville is derelict in its duties to the members of the community in the West End of Louisville. The City is not acting but its citizens are and will.

March 10, 1972 began community action. The first move was to try to demolish a burned out, condemned building in the 500 block of 18th Street. The city has been requested to take care of these safety and health hazards but the response has been that there is no mon-

ey in Louisville for demolition. The logical response for the neighborhood is: "They say they have no money. We have our hands. We want our neighborhood rid of these absentee landlord disgraces. We'll use our hands."

Citizens of the West End community began to demolish the remains of the unsightly building. Whatever debris was movable was brought to the street. Dixie Highway traffic was re-routed, police arrived on the scene, the lieutenant was summoned to speak with the concerned citizens. The clean-up work continued and 12 persons were arrested, taken to jail, booked and fingerprinted.

The members of Concerned Citizens are involved with other groups in the West End community and city of Louisville. All of them participate in one or more of the following organizations: Tenants Union, Plymouth Settlement House, Black Workers Coalition, Community United for Justice, Clergy and Laymen Concerned, Sisters of Charity of Nazareth, Ky.

The members of Concerned Citizens are conscious of the fact that there is personnel and money available to arrest, transport and try citizens concerned. They recognize the excellent work the sanitation department is capable of. They noted that a crew was called in after hours on the night of March 10, 1972 to clean up the debris that has been standing on 18th Street for more than a year. The Concerned Citizens wonder why this money wasn't given to a neighborhood that has been communicating its needs for over three years.

There are hundreds of burned-out or condemned buildings in the West End. Some dilapidated structures, unfit for human habitation, continue to be rented. Some have toilet facilities that have not functioned for years.

Mr. Mangeot, Executive Assistant to Louisville Mayor Frank Burke, is quoted as saying, "the city is in the business of enforcing the law..." We the concerned of the community want to know if the city is so much in the business of enforcing the law, then where is this great law enforcement arm when absentee landlords never repair houses, derelict landlords pay small fines and never repair major defects?

City officials have predicted a hepatitis epidemic in the West End of Louisville. They deplore the rat epidemic. How is it they are not attacking the roots of the problem? We need deeds of concern, not words of concern.

Sister Barbara Houston

Louisville

## PROGRESS REPORT OF CITIZENS CONCERNED

1. Communications have started with George Burton, Director of Building and Housing, Louisville. He has been in conference with Mayor Burke and James E. Thornberry, Law Director, City of Louisville. They intend to deal with the city aldermen to see what can be done to change the present demolition ordinance #179.
2. There has been 4 newspaper articles since the episode on 18th Street dealing with specifics of the problem of this site.
3. Citizens Concerned are investigating the possibility of a Neighborhood Demolition Corporation. This is a feasible plan that can be dealt with after Ordinance #179 is changed.
4. Portland Area had a meeting March 13, 1972 and accepted Housing in Portland as a No. 1 priority. A member of the Concerned Citizens attended.
5. The city tore down the site on 18th Street within 2 weeks of the demonstration.

## PLANS OF CITIZENS CONCERNED

Continue to keep before the public poor housing conditions in Russell area and other areas of the city.

Use the trial to communicate the irresponsibility of the city of Louisville to see that all citizens have adequate housing and good neighborhood surroundings.

Establish a neighborhood Demolition Corporation.

Deal actively with every problem of the area until the neighborhood is what it should be.

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COOPERATING WITH CITIZENS CONCERNED

1. Get the true facts of the demolition from any of the Concerned Citizens, demonstration on 18th and Magazine. Contact 776-6481, 583-2926.
2. Communicate these facts to others. (Pictures of dilapidated houses can be obtained from Jay Thomas, 772-2591.
3. Support us by keeping this issue alive in newspapers. (Try to have reporters deal with human interest stories as well as letters to the editor).
4. Call George Burton's office (Building and Housing - 589-4230) and ask what he is doing about the housing situation in Russell, in Portland, in your neighborhood.
5. Support the group publically.
6. Attend the trial.

Date: June 8 thru August 24, 1972

Place: Judge Baer's Court

Time:

7. Join in a publicity campaign of the true facts.  
Contribute to Billboards:

Louisville of the '70s  
(Dilapidated Houses viewed)

8. Help us to establish a list of resource people for our Citizens Concerned Corporation for Demolishing Dilapidated Houses.

We need to know:

- Who has expertise
- Who has equipment
- Who has time to study

April 17, 1972

Citizens Concerned pleaded not guilty for disorderly conduct charges and were granted separate jury trials.

The schedule for the trials are listed below:

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| Sister Peggie Corbett        | June 8, 1972    |
| Sister Janet Dougherty       | June 15, 1972   |
| Sister Kathleen Flaherty     | June 22, 1972   |
| Orville Gerton               | June 29, 1972   |
| Gerald Hall                  | July 6, 1972    |
| Sister Barbara Houston       | July 13, 1972   |
| Louis Jennings               | July 20, 1972   |
| Moscoe Rapier                | July 27, 1972   |
| Roosevelt Roberts            | August 3, 1972  |
| Sister Mary Kathleen Sheehan | August 10, 1972 |
| Ronald Slaughter             | August 17, 1972 |
| Carol Thomas                 | August 24, 1972 |

The judge ordered that all 12 of us be present at each other's trials.

There are difficulties involved. Some men have families to support and 12 days away from work is a burden on any family man.

We will face the difficulty of having all of our defense present for 12 days. During a hot summer this is not too easy to accomplish.

Our case will include many people from community organizations, exploited neighbors, city hall officials, etc. Unless the whole community sees this case as a concern of all poor people it will be difficult on the few to rally enough moral to see it through to a successful conclusion.

We will communicate to you our plans, which are developing daily. Our goals are long-ranged. All of us have committed ourselves to the cost of success and we would be happy to have you, with whatever talents, efforts, and weight, become a member of Concerned Citizens.

Already we are seeking a commitment from people to attend the trials. Perhaps you can begin to set a date with your local organizations to be at one or more of the trials. We believe a lot of people care. If some of these people show up all 12 of these days, it is the beginning of saying to everyone "WE ARE TOGETHER AND WE CAN DO SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE IN OUR COMMUNITY."

Please write regarding which day your group will attend the trial. We intend to speak loud enough from the stand so that the courtroom knows exactly what took place on 18th and Magazine and why.

**BLACK COMMUNITY DEMANDS  
INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT**

We, the Black people in Louisville have assembeled here at city hall today to express our concern over the issues of the Black community that demand immediate attention. We have been molded by the conditions into a unified strike force, constantly reccognizing that the Mayor and his administrative staff of flunkies are exhibiting typical white racist insensitivity to the needs of an cpressed and struggling Black community.

The city power structure continues to abuse our people through the sanctioned criminal use of the police department and the judicial systems. The fate of the Tinsley Brothers and the adoption of a vicious and oppressive no-knock law threaten the very survival of Black people here.

Black people have been systematically excluded from participation on decision-making boards which effect our lives. The city has told us time and time again that there is no money for the Black community, yet funds are miraculosly available for the construction of multi-million dollar 18 story parking lots. A city is suffering from a severe case of misplaced priorities when luxuries like 18 story parking lots are more important then the lives and existance of Black people. The city government in effect is telling the Black community that we must accept the worthless token crumbs that they give us or they will give us nothing. We now rise up and demand an end to this kind of white inspired oppressive action.

The city government of Louisville will not be allowed to continue functioning comfortably with its old southern "deprive the nigger" brand of hospitality. If the Black community in Louisville is to survive, then the issues which effect this community must be dealt with.

## DEMANDS

We present the following demands to the city of Louisville as being the expressed needs of the Black community:

## 1. COMMUNITY CENTERS:

Take a look at the needs of the Black community. There are no community centers below 18th street. And yet, the need for a community center in this area is obvious and has been expressed many times in the past. For four long years the people of the Black community have been faced with promise after promise only to have each promise shattered by white lying city officials. Time and again the white power structure of this city has engaged in the age old game of pitting Blacks against Blacks in senseless fights over false issues like community centers that are not adequate and that are not controlled by the Black community anyway. THEREFORE:

We demand that work begin immediately on the development of a new, comprehensive community center to be located at 29th and Magazine streets as presently planned by the Russle Area Council and by members of the Black community. We further demand that this center have satellites that can effect a greater area of the total Black community and that this community center be controlled - from the stages of planning to the actual overall program implementation - by a board reflecting a broad cross-section of the membership of the Black community that the center is to effect.

Because the entire Black community is cognizant of the fact that those community centers presently in existence are inadequate, we further demand that the necessary monies be poured into all existing centers to rehabilitate and update them so that they can serve the needs of the Black community.

## 2. JOBS:

We demand that the city and large companies and business interests in the Black community take immediate steps to provide an unlimited number of jobs that are necessary to eradicate the impoverished condition of citizens of the Black community.

## 3. JUSTICE:

We demand an immediate cessation to the harrassment, the intimidation and the brutality utilized by the Louisville Police department against individuals, organizations and businesses existing within the Black community.

As our major political demand for justice, we demand that work begin immediately - by a board reflecting the many interest groups in the Black community and financed by the city - on the development of a community controlled Black police precinct and fully equipped police sub-station to be located within the Black community at a site to be designated in the future by the afore-mentioned board.

We further demand effective law enforcement within the Black community that places a greater emphasis on human life then on property value. We feel that the no-knock law and the no-warning shot policy are reflective of the sentiments of the police department toward the Black community. We demand that the Board of Aldermen take immediate steps to reverse both of these decisions.

We demand a re-analysis of the trial-by-jury system in Ky. that will allow Blacks here to enjoy our supposed constitutional right to a trial by a jury of our peers.

4. EDUCATION:

We demand that the educational conditions within the schools and within the Black community at large be developed to a level that is conducive to educational achievement among all people.

We demand adequate educational facilities and adequate teachers salaries for schools in the Black community.

We demand that the educational standard in the Louisville schools be brought up at least to the national educational standard.

We demand that steps be taken to insure the continuation and extension of community control of the schools within the Black community.

5. HOUSING:

We demand that programs for the construction of new, adequate low-cost public housing be initiated within the Black community.

We demand that the city abandon the "massive urban renewal" concept and begin immediately to take whatever steps are necessary for the creation and implementation of a massive housing redevelopment and rehabilitation program using the theory of "salvage, development and low-cost redistribution." (i.e. the city will salvage empty, dilapidated but renewable housing in the Black community that it will rehabilitate - inside and out - and then it will sell those houses at low cost to people in the Black community.)

6. HEALTH:

We demand neighborhood facilities that can adequately serve all segments and areas of the Black community.

We demand at least two Black administrated, staffed and operated hospitals that can serve the needs of the Black community. We further demand that massive financial assistance be given to the development of Red Cross hospital.

7. BOARD REPRESENTATION:

We demand Black representation that is at least reflective of our numerical ratio to the population of Louisville on every board that has any effect on the Black community.

8. ECONOMY:

We demand massive financial input into the businesses of the Black community.

9. POLITICS:

We demand an immediate end to the use of gerrymandering as a tactic to disenfranchise the voting power of Blacks in Louisville.

10. BLACK AFFAIRS:

We demand that the city grant an annual appropriation of at least \$50,000 for a Black administered, run, controlled, operated and staffed planning commission that will fall under an Office of Minority Affairs.

CONCLUSION:

For too long our voices have gone unheard. But now we will be heard. The demands for the Community Center, for Justice (particularly for a Black community-controlled precinct and an IMMEDIATE end to police harassment) and the demand for an Office of Minority Affairs offer the focal and coordinating



points, so therefore these demands must receive top priority as demands for immediate attention and implementation.

The "Great White Fathers" of the city of Louisville must recognize that the struggle of Black people here for human dignity is not a struggle that can be taken lightly. We have not even mentioned the mammoth drug problem, the problems faced by our youth and many of the other problems that have our community uptight. For too many years we have sat at negotiating table with whites who have grinned in our faces and thrust knives into our backs. Now we carry our struggle to a higher and hopefully a more effective level - the level of direct demonstrations in the streets to dramatize the problems. But the city of Louisville and the world should understand that there are still higher levels for our struggle and should our problems not be solved by one tactic, then we are not afraid to try another.

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May 9, 1972

The source advised that "UMOJA" came by his residence on the previous evening looking for him, allegedly for the purpose of obtaining information concerning the recent arrests of members of the Black Committee for Self-Defense (BCSD).

Source has been unable to locate "UMOJA" and intends to look up JUDI SIMMONS and find out exactly what he desired.

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Louisville, Kentucky  
May 12, 1972

On the preceding day, JUDI SIMMONS and "G.T." came into the Plymouth Settlement House where they began talking about the Black Committee for Self-Defense (BCSD) arrests as a result of the Louisville, Kentucky Police Department raid at Laird's Tourist Home. Both JUDI and "G.T." indicated that they believed the arrests were a "frame-up" and they suspected someone had set them up, namely the Louisville Police Department. Both indicated they were thinking of calling in one BEN SHABAZ, a Muslim lawyer from either Florida or New York. Supposedly, a lawyer was already coming down from New York as a result of these arrests anyway.

Source asked JUDI SIMMONS why "UMOJA" wanted to talk with him, and she indicated that he wanted to ask if he knew anything about the recent BCSD arrests.

JUDI also indicated that "UMOJA" has been out of the BCSD for approximately two weeks, and stated that he had been expelled. Present at the Settlement House at the time of the above conversation was a Black Panther Party (BPP) member from New York City, who entered the Plymouth Settlement House with both JUDI and "G.T." He described this latter person as a Negro male, height six feet, weight 180-190 pounds, complexion light, red hair and beard. He was referred to by the name of either DON or JOHN.

While at the Plymouth Settlement House, JUDI and "G.T." also talked about the organization of a defense fund for the "brothers," referring to the BCSD members who were recently arrested by the Louisville Police.

Louisville, Kentucky  
May 15, 1972

Source advised that GORDON MOORE came to his residence at 7:30 AM and woke him up. He did not state why he was there.

Concerning a meeting recently held at the Fontaine House at 4409 West Broadway, while he does not know what the original purpose of this meeting was, it turned out to be a meeting in support of a defense fund for the "Louisville Seven". Leaflets were passed out at the meeting, which contained background information concerning Laird's Tourist Home, describing that it is a house of prostitution, drug addicts, thieves, et cetera.

One of the "brothers" from New York, referred to by the name of JOHN, appeared to run the meeting, and a small Negro girl by the name of "VELAN" (phonetic), described as age twenty-one, height 5'2", from Louisville, Kentucky, appeared to be one of the chief functionaries of the meeting. There were approximately ten to fifteen people in attendance, including members of the Black Committee for Self-Defense (BCSD), the Plymouth Settlement House, HELEN GREEVER of the Southern Conference Educational Fund, Incorporated (SCEF), and members of the Clergy and Laymen Concerned group.

Source attended a rally at the Unitarian Church at the corner of Fourth and York Streets on May 13, 1972, in an attempt to follow the activities of the Southern Conference Educational Fund, Incorporated. The meeting started at approximately 4:00 PM, and there were about 150 to 200 persons in attendance, both white and black, but predominantly white. A student at the Presbyterian Seminary by the name of WELLS or WELCH appeared to be in charge of the meeting together with HELEN GREEVER of SCEF. The same groups as are currently sponsoring the defense fund for the "Louisville Seven" appeared to be sponsoring this particular rally. The first speaker on the program was a woman from the Presbyterian Seminary. She was followed by a black male from the Plymouth Settlement House and who also is believed to be the head of the Black Workers Coalition. He is a Negro male, age thirties, tall and thin, and wears a large Afro. Of all the speakers during the rally he was the strongest, and he talked about white persons never getting involved unless their own necks were involved. He mentioned

also that the "brothers" cannot get jobs at the Ford Truck Plant, and generally spoke in such a fashion as to drive many of the white persons away from the rally.

The next speaker appeared to be a white male from the Baptist Seminary, who was followed by a "brother" dressed in a business suit whose name starts with the letter "H". This person spoke for the "Louisville Seven".

During the course of the meeting, a petition was passed around demanding the release of the "Louisville Seven." The meeting broke up at approximately 6:00 PM. The main purpose of the rally was to fight against NIXON's mining of the harbor in Vietnam, to boycott the Honeywell Corporation, which is one of the chief manufacturers of a fragmentation bomb, and to encourage the holding back of taxes which people pay on their telephone bill as much of this tax money goes toward the "war machine."

The source signed up to pass out future leaflets.

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## Forums To Be Held

The Black Workers Coalition, the Louisville Urban League, and the NAACP have announced plans for three community Orientation and Education Forums, to be held concurrently on Tuesday evening, May 30, at 7:30 p.m.

The purpose of the forums is to give Louisville citizens a chance to consider and discuss some of the vital issues presently facing Louisville's public schools, such as the city-county school merger proposal and the possible extension of school boundaries to the corporate limits of the city.

The forums will be held at the following three locations: Chestnut Street Branch YMCA, 930 West Chestnut Street; Presbyterian Community Center, 760 South Hancock Street; Third Christian Church, 3900 West Broadway.

The Black Workers Coalition, the Louisville Urban League, and the NAACP are co-sponsoring these forums, according to Mr. Andrew Williams, the NAACP co-ordinator, for the purpose of helping citizens to consider and

understand all available options in these complex issues. "We hope," Mr. Williams stated, "that every concerned individual will participate in one of the forums. The schools are a most vital issue, and everyone should be informed of their status if the community decision making process is to function."

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**THE CENTRAL DISTRICT** met in regular communication under D. D. Grand Master Lamont R. Williams. They brought up to date on the activities of the past Masonic year. The meeting was highly successful and many interesting points were covered. As a result there seem to be a renewed desire to achieve greater things. Present were LeRay Farris, DDGL; Andrew Wells, Asst. Grand Sect.; J. R. House, Asst. DDGL; Don E. Owsley, DDGM (Western District); Sam Mays, JGW; L. R. Williams, DDGM; S. W. Martin, ADDGM; George Mealmond, Treas.; John T. Dickey, Tiler; and George W. Roy, Jr., PGM. Photo by Jay Thomas.



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# **JOIN US TO** **STOP THE WAR NOW**

On April 17, Walter Cronkite reported on CBS news that, even after the troop withdrawals, 11,000 new troops had been brought into the war in Southeast Asia during the last week. In the last two weeks, a total of 39,000 additional troops have been shipped into the war area, along with some 40 new ships. Nixon has been saying since 1968 that he had a plan for ending the war. But you don't end a war by escalating it.

## **WHAT THE VIETNAM WAR HAS DONE FOR YOU – A Rich Man's War and a Poor Man's Fight**

**Nixon's Economic Policies:** Prices have been going up faster every day since the war was escalated in 1965. The inflation and the higher taxes mean that the average worker has \$1.30 a week less in real spending money than in 1965. The government has caused the inflation by wasting almost 400 billion dollars on this war and paying for it on credit. But Nixon and the big business executives he represents want working people to pay the cost of fighting the inflation. First they tried to slow down the economy and now there are 10 million people out of work. Then they decided to freeze working people's wage increases at 5.5 per cent while the Pentagon hands out 40 billion dollars in war contracts, corporation executives get raises of up to 100 per cent, General Motors' profits go up 43 per cent. And all we have to do is go to the grocery store to know that prices are still going up.

**Higher Taxes:** Today 34 per cent of each pay check goes for some kind of taxes. That means that you work 2 hours and 37 minutes of every day just to pay your taxes. Of that tax money, 64 per cent goes for war spending.

**Loss of Life:** Over 50,000 U.S. troops have died in Vietnam and another 250,000 have been wounded—many crippled for life. These are the children of the poor and working people. The Kennedy Subcommittee on Refugees has estimated that there are at least 300,000 homeless in Vietnam. The Vietnamese dead and wounded are still uncounted.

**More Oppression for Black People:** Racism is on the upswing because of the mood the war has created in the country. Nixon's wage freeze hits the Black community hardest because discriminatory hiring and promotion policies have already forced Black people into the lowest paid and dirtiest jobs. Unemployment in the ghetto runs almost twice what it does among whites. Although Black people are only 12 per cent of the U.S. population, 16 per cent of the deaths in Vietnam are Black because Black soldiers are sent to the front lines more than whites.

**Loss of Civil Liberties:** From the beginning the Vietnam war has been carried on in violation of the Constitution. The war has never been declared by the Congress. As opposition to the illegal war swelled, the government stepped up its attacks on the anti-war movement, and the movement in general—the Chicago 7, the Berrigans, the Harrisburg 8, Angela Davis, the Panthers, etc.

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## WHAT IT WOULD MEAN TO END THE WAR:

- \* Not one more U.S. soldier would have to go to Vietnam to kill or be killed or wounded.
- \* We could take the 20 billion dollars spent on the war last year and build two million of the seven million new homes we need. We could give every worker's child a scholarship of \$2,400 to go to school. We could pay for free medical care for everyone in this country.
- \* We could use next year's money to create jobs for the unemployed who may never have a job again otherwise. We could replace the welfare system with a program guaranteeing \$6,500 income every year to the poor and unemployed.
- \* We could start to do something about the dope that is destroying so many people in this country. We could start to clean up our air and water.

## JOIN THE FIGHT FOR PEACE & JUSTICE!

Only the people of this country, Black and white, can force the politicians to end the war. The following Louisville organizations urge you to act now to protest the latest escalation of the war: Louisville Welfare Rights Organization, Clergy & Laymen Concerned of Kentuckiana; Episcopal Peace Fellowship, Southern Conference Educational Fund, Kentucky Civil Liberties Union, IUS Anti-War Committee, Louisville Metropolitan Women's Political Caucus, Black Workers Coalition.

*1. Write your Congressman, Senators, and the President. Demand an end to the bombing and the escalation of the war. Demand that the U.S. set a date for the immediate withdrawal of all troops and stop supporting the corrupt Thieu government in Saigon. Urge your representatives to vote for House Resolution 14055 and Senate Bill 3409, which would cut off all funds for the war immediately.*

*2. Work for candidates who pledge to end the war immediately and demand to know where all the candidates stand on the war.*

*3. Set up meetings among your friends, neighbors, and co-workers to discuss the war and work to end it.*

*4. Attend the rally to protest the war at 3 p.m., Saturday, May 13th at the Unitarian Church (located at 4th and York, across from the Public Library).*

If you would like to work with other Louisvillians to end the war and start using this country's resources to meet the needs of its people, contact:

### EMERGENCY COALITION TO END THE WAR

213 Heyburn Building, Louisville, Ky.

Phone: 584-5632 (days) and 895-8516 (evenings)

# JOIN US TO STOP THE WAR NOW

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# Black Board Members At Ford Resign

The five Black members of the Ford Motor Company's Anti-Discrimination Board have resigned from their positions as board members and are discouraging any other Blacks from accepting positions on the board.

In a statement issued by the members, they said: "Due to the collusion bet-

ween the Ford Motor Company and the union Local 862, we the Black members of the anti-discrimination committee find it impossible to function effectively in resolving grievances of Black Ford employees and do hereby resign from said committee as our means of protest against the deplorable

conditions that exist.

"We do hereby request all Black workers to refrain from accepting any positions on the so-called Anti-Discrimination Committee until all existing grievances have been resolved."

A mass meeting has been called for Sunday, April 30, 1972 at 2:30 p.m. at the Black Workers Coalition office, 2300 West Oak Street.

The members of the Ford Board which have resigned are E. B. Wickley, Jr., Clyde Haghlett, Roosevelt Roberts, William D. Reaves, and Chuck Williams.

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Louisville, Kentucky

Louis Jennings is employed at International Harvester and can be reached at the following telephone numbers, 776-0056 and 774-4497.

On Wednesday, April 26, 1972, Jennings stopped by the Black Workers Coalition (BWC) office and asked to see Roosevelt Roberts. Roberts stepped outside with Jennings where they had a brief discussion. In the midst of the discussion, Jennings punched Roberts in the side of the face near his eye. At the time Jennings punched Roberts, he was wearing brass knuckles. This caused severe damage to Robert's eye and he had to be taken to the hospital where he got at least six stitches. Two unknown males accompanied Jennings on this occasion, although they did not participate in the beating. Source does not know why Jennings struck Roberts.

Mose Rapier has expressed concern that Jennings will come after him in the near future. Rapier feels that Jennings is an extremely violent individual and hovers a deep resentment over the fact that he had been kicked out of the BWC.

Both Roberts and Rapier have reiterated that the BWC is a non-violent organization, and as such will not align themselves with the Black Panther Party (BPP). In line with this, recently the BWC held a demonstration at a restaurant specializing in chicken. The Black Panthers had expressed interest in participating in this demonstration. However, the BWC provided the BPP with a false date of the demonstration thus enabling the BWC to have the demonstration without any Panthers participating in it.

The BWC still conducts drug classes almost every evening at the BWC office. These classes are mostly attended by young people. The BWC is attempting to initiate a summer job program which would allow young people to stay busy and hopefully out of trouble during the summer months. They are trying to line up such jobs for young people as grass cutting, and picking up groceries for older people in the West End. Recently the BWC took a number of black

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youths to the skating rink out at Shawnee Park. By entertaining black youths and by attempting to provide them with jobs, it is hoped that the BWC will sufficiently occupy young peoples' time so as to keep them out of trouble, especially from drugs.

April 29, 1972  
Louisville, Kentucky

The Black Workers Coalition (BWC) held a meeting on April 29, 1972. This meeting was attended by all of the individuals who had been arrested at the demonstration in which a dilapidated house was torn down in the West End of Louisville. Included at this meeting was Orville Gerton. This was the first occasion on which source has observed Gerton at the BWC. The only thing discussed at the meeting was the upcoming trial and plans to get as much publicity from it as possible. They hope to publicize the trial so that it will be well attended by members of the black community. However, no demonstrations are planned at this time in conjunction with the trial.

It is source's opinion that the only reason Gerton was at BWC was because the meeting concerned the upcoming trial.



May 1, 1972  
Louisville, Kentucky

On Sunday, April 30, 1972, the Black Workers Coalition (BWC) held a big meeting. There were a number of workers from the Ford Plant, as well as several Ford executives. Workers outlined various grievances that they have at the Ford Plant, and the executives acknowledged that some of these grievances were valid and that they would attempt to alleviate them.

Louis Jennings showed up at this meeting and apologized for having struck Roberts. He then stayed for the remainder of the meeting, although he did not participate in it. It is source's opinion that Jennings will not be accepted back into BWC.

In regard to the meeting on Saturday, April 29, source recalled that Orville Gerton mentioned that in addition to the charge against him concerning the demonstration, he had an outstanding felony charge against him. He indicated that Attorney Stuart Lyons is representing him in this matter.

Gerton indicated that at one time he used to do quite a bit of work with young people at the Plymouth Settlement House. Source got the impression that Gerton is no longer affiliated with the Plymouth Settlement House.

On Saturday morning, April 29, 1972, an individual from the Black Panther Party (BPP), Louisville, telephonically contacted the BWC office and spoke with Mose Rapier. This individual from the BPP indicated that several BPP members had been arrested and were then in jail. This individual asked Rapier if he could go their bonds. Rapier indicated that this would be impossible since he was alone in the office and could not travel to the jail. In fact, this was a lie, because Rapier was not alone in the office, there were several other individuals there with him.

Afterwards, Rapier indicated that he simply was not interested in helping the Panthers, because he did not want to get involved with them.

The BWC at the present time is concentrating mainly on reaching an agreement with the Ford Company in regard to the many grievances which have been filed with that company.

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Cases are being opened on this memo on DARRELL BLAKEMORE and RICHARD BLAKEMORE. References have been made in the past to DARYL (LNU) and RICHARD (LNU) in past reports. DARRELL BLAKEMORE is identical with DARYL (LNU) and RICHARD BLAKEMORE is identical to RICHARD (LNU).

Information regarding the fact that DARRELL BLAKEMORE may be wanted by the Louisville Police Department was furnished to Detective CLARENCE (SONNY) HAWKINS, Louisville Police Department, on 4/25/72. HAWKINS checked the records of the Identification Division, Warrant Section, Louisville Police Department,

HAWKINS stated that the Louisville Police Department has photos of BLAKEMORE and that he will have several of them reproduced and will furnish them to the FBI.

Detective HAWKINS advised that 1972 Kentucky license J46-383 is registered to JAMES DILLMAN, 1162 S. 41st Street, to a 1966 Buick. 1972 Kentucky license L39-182 is registered to MARVIN MANNING, 13507 Greystone, to a 1966 Chevrolet.

The Remington .45 automatic mentioned in this report has serial number 1170929. This serial number was run through NCIC and the print-out indicated that there was no record in NCIC for this weapon.

DARRELL BLAKEMORE's statement on 4/23/72

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April 20, 1972  
Louisville, Kentucky

Judi Simmons, Laurice Harwell, and John Winfield have moved from 1134 Dixie Highway to 1906 South 35th Street, Apartment 3. They moved to this apartment on April 18 and April 19, 1972, and used a Hart Battery truck to move their furniture. John Winfield and Laurice Harwell are talking about getting married on May 25, 1972, possibly at Shawnee Park.

G. T. Alexander stayed with his brother whose name is unknown on April 19, 1972, however, Alexander does not plan to stay there permanently and is presently looking for an apartment.

Geronimo, Umoja, J. J. Fugett, all stayed at the Black Committee For Self-Defense (BCSD) office on April 19, 1972. Apparently Geronimo and Umoja plan to stay at the office permanently.

G. T. Alexander's Volkswagen is currently being repaired. The windshield was broken and two tires were cut at the demonstration at the courthouse on April 11, 1972.

Daryl (Last Name Unknown)(LNU) and Richard (LNU) (the two brothers) were at the BCSD office on April 20, 1972. They apparently do not have an automobile inasmuch as they walked to the office. Both indicated that they are going to join the BCSD.

Ben Simmons made a long distance telephone call to his wife Judi Simmons the morning of April 20, 1972. Source does not know what number Ben Simmons called inasmuch as Judi Simmons is no longer at 1134 Dixie Highway where there was a telephone, and source does not believe that there is a telephone at 1906 South 35th Street, Apartment 3, at the present time. Source believes that Simmons is somewhere in Florida.

Among the individuals present at the BCSD office on April 20, 1972, were Herb Jones, Don Spaulding, Gordon Moore, J. J. Fugett, Carolle Morris, Geronimo, Bruce Conway, Daryl and Richard (LNU).

Umoja went to the University of Louisville for lunch on April 20, 1972, to meet his girl friend. This girl is the same girl who was observed by source at the apartment at 1134 Dixie Highway. She is apparently a student at the University of Louisville inasmuch as she had a student meal ticket which she used to purchase Umoja's lunch for him. She is described as a Negro female, about 19 years old, attractive, large Afro style hair, medium complexion. She was accompanied by Judi Simmons when she met Umoja for lunch.

According to Judi Simmons, Ben Simmons is going to return to Louisville toward the end of May, but it is believed that he is going to stay for a very long time. Judi indicated that Ben is in need of money.

Carolle Morris and Herb Jones obtained a petition from individuals who live at Village West. This petition contained a list of grievances in regard to the poor living conditions that exist at Village West. It is anticipated that this petition will be presented to the Louisville Board of Alderman in an attempt to rectify this situation.

Don Spaulding has indicated that he has been contacted by two individuals separately regarding the selling of weapons to the BCSD. Spaulding indicated that he is still checking out this matter and will report on it when he has completed his check. Spaulding did not have a car on April 20, 1972. He indicated that he walks from his residence, 701 South 42nd Street to the BCSD office every day. Herb Jones used to pick him up and drive him to the office but recently Spaulding had an argument with Carolle Morris, and as a result of this argument Herb Jones refuses to drive Spaulding to the office. Morris only lives four doors from Spaulding.

Carolle Morris indicated that her birthday was on April 1, 1972, and she was seventeen years old.

Source does not believe that the 1971 Datsun which Don Spaulding has been observed driving is owned by Spaulding. Spaulding is from Frankfort, Kentucky, as is his wife. Apparently Spaulding is not getting along with his wife and he is looking for an apartment for himself. Spaulding has indicated that he is thinking of going to college under the GI Bill of Rights and has applied for same.

On April 20, 1972, G. T. Alexander used the Hart Battery truck for an unknown reason.

Geronimo indicated that he is only eighteen years old and has been a member of the Black Panther Party (BPP) for three years.

The BCSD is currently attempting to build up its membership, and Don Spaulding has been placed in charge of this effort.

April 21, 1972  
Louisville, Kentucky

Umoja's girl friend who attends University of Louisville resides at Miller's Hall and her telephone number is 4628. Source believes her name is Theresa Daniels. Umoja sees this girl almost every night and stays with her to around Midnight every night. He then returns to the BCSD office where he sleeps.

G. T. Alexander is staying with his parents at the present time.

Umoja as mentioned above is staying at the BCSD office at night and for his protection he is keeping a 30.06 rifle with him at the office. This rifle is stored during the day at the apartment at 1906 South 35th Street, and is returned to the office each night for protection.

Judi Simmons has asked for a pledge from Bruce Conway and Ron Harris of \$20.00 a month. She indicated that the reason she has asked these two members for a pledge is because they are the only two individuals who are presently employed. Judi Simmons stated Ben Simmons called her the night of April 20, 1972.

G. T. Alexander has indicated that he wants Bruce Conway to be permanent Officer of the Day (OD) because it is his belief that Conway has reached a proper level of political awareness to handle the job. Alexander indicated that the OD has a great responsibility inasmuch as he runs the BCSD office and has the power to suspend members. An individual named William Spaulding (no relation to Donald Spaulding) allegedly approached Bruce Conway and offered him a Remington .45 automatic. This weapon had stamped on it "U. S. property." Spaulding offered the weapon to Conway for \$50 and stated that he has another case coming in pretty soon which would be for sale.

Umoja mentioned to J. J. Fugett that he, Umoja, Don Spaulding and G. T. Alexander plan to leave for Indianapolis, Indiana, on April 21, 1972. They plan to travel to Indianapolis to check out the BPP chapter there.



The individual who owns the 1971 Datsun is referred to as Murphy. He is in the Army and is a Specialist Fourth Class. He was at 1906 South 35th Street on April 20, 1972, with a brother named Wendell. Source has never observed either of these individuals before.

Sammie Taylor although he has listed 1134 Dixie Highway as his address has never stayed there as far as source knows. It is not known where Taylor does reside. Source indicated that perhaps Taylor did reside at 1134 Dixie prior to or just after he joined the BCSD but that he did not reside there when Ben and Judi Simmons had their apartment at 1134 Dixie.

April 24, 1972  
Louisville, Kentucky

Umoja and J. J. Fugett traveled to Indianapolis, Indiana, by way of bus. They left on Saturday, April 22, 1972. They traveled there as representatives of the BPP to check on the BPP chapter at Indianapolis. Apparently this chapter was recently started sometime at the beginning of 1972. Umoja and J. J. Fugett were supposed to have returned on Sunday, April 23, 1972, but they had not done so by Midnight, April 23, 1972.

There was no meeting at the BCSD office on Friday, April 21, 1972, because the members went to the University of Louisville to listen to an attorney, who was in some way associated with Angela Davis, deliver a speech.

The BCSD had a liberation school on Saturday, April 22, 1972, and seven or eight children attended. Carolle Morris, Herb Jones and John Winfield were in charge.

The BCSD held its regularly scheduled meeting on Sunday, April 23, 1972. The meeting started at approximately 6 PM and ended at approximately 7:45 PM. Approximately ten people were in attendance. Prior to the meeting at approximately 5:15 PM an individual was at the BCSD office talking to G. T. Alexander. This individual drove a burgundy Riveria, 1972 Kentucky license J46-383. He is described as follows:

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| Race:            | Negro                                     |
| Sex:             | Male                                      |
| Height:          | 6' 1"                                     |
| Complexion:      | Light                                     |
| Age:             | About 28-30 years old                     |
| Characteristics: | Beard                                     |
| Hair:            | Short, going bald on the back of his head |

This individual claimed to represent the Black Workers Coalition (BWC) and indicated that he had been with the BWC for only a short time, approximately three months.

While this individual was at the BCSD another individual arrived claiming to represent the BPP on the West Coast. This individual spoke with the individual from

the BWC. This individual drove a 1969 white over blue Chevelle, license L39-182. He is described as follows:

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| Race:            | Negro                   |
| Sex:             | Male                    |
| Height:          | 5' 11"                  |
| Complexion:      | Dark                    |
| Build:           | Medium                  |
| Age:             | About 23-24 years old   |
| Characteristics: | Wearing a big apple hat |

Neither the individual from the BWC nor the one who claimed to represent the West Coast Panthers stayed for the BCSD meeting.

At the meeting Geronimo discussed Mao Tse-tung's eleven point program and especially dwelt on the meaning of liberalism which means that any revolutionary who is aware that another revolutionary is not executing his duties in a proper fashion should report this to the proper party officials. While Geronimo was discussing this point John Winfield interrupted him and stated that he, Geronimo, was in fact violating a rule inasmuch as Geronimo was packing a .22 automatic pistol. At this point G. T. Alexander interrupted the meeting and directed Herb Jones and Bruce Conway to search Geronimo and take the weapon away from him. They did so and placed the weapon in the trunk of Herb Jones' car. G. T. Alexander completed the lecture for Geronimo.

After the formal meeting was over at approximately 7:45 PM, G. T. Alexander stated that they would resolve the earlier incident (referring to Winfield exposing the fact that Geronimo was carrying a weapon). Alexander had Winfield explain why Winfield had in fact exposed Geronimo. Winfield claimed that his only reason was that there was a BCSD rule against it and that he was afraid that if Geronimo were caught with the weapon on BCSD premises that there would be trouble for some of the other members. G. T. Alexander accepted this explanation. He resolved this incident by explaining to the members as follows:

The rule that no weapons were to be carried by any member while at the BCSD office was a rule of the BCSD. Alexander stated that the BCSD is now a BPP chapter and the rules of the BPP are different inasmuch as a Panther can carry a gun anytime he feels a need to. In this regard

Alexander stated that he feels all BCSD members who are now Panthers should carry weapons no matter where they are. He stated that he himself plans to obtain a weapon in the near future. Alexander indicated that once he obtains a weapon he plans to register it. Alexander concluded by cautioning Winfield not to mention the fact in the future that another brother or sister was carrying a weapon. Alexander indicated that Geronimo was not in error in carrying a weapon inasmuch as he was complying with BPP regulations.

The following individuals were present at this meeting:

G. T. Alexander  
Geronimo  
Gordon Moore  
Herb Jones  
Bruce Conway  
John Winfield  
Carolle Morris  
Daryl (LNU)  
Ron Harris

After the meeting on April 24, 1972, G. T. Alexander, Daryl (LNU), Bruce Conway and Geronimo traveled throughout the East and West End putting up posters which read "Death to the Dealer." They traveled to most of the bars in the West and East Ends distributing these posters. They also stopped at several private homes which were suspected of being dealers' or pushers' homes and nailed the posters to the doors. One of these homes where an alleged dealer is supposed to reside is on Madison Street, two doors north of the intersection of Madison and Campbell. There is a sign on the gate leading to this home, "Beware of Dog." A female dealer is supposed to reside at this residence. Daryl (LNU) seems to be very knowledgeable concerning where the dealers live in Louisville and who they are. He pretty much directed this entire operation.

After they were done distributing these posters, they traveled to 921 South 29th Street where Daryl (LNU) apparently stays inasmuch as he has a key to this home. While they were distributing these posters Geronimo was carrying a .22 automatic pistol.

The 30.06 is no longer kept at the BCSD office but it is kept at 1906 South 35th Street. A .410 shotgun is kept at the BCSD office permanently for protection of the members.

Gordon Moore sometimes stays at a home on Kentucky Street which is located next to Daddy's Grill at 18th and Kentucky. Geronimo and Umoja stay at the BCSD office and Gordon Moore and J. J. Fugett sometime join them staying at the office.

Judi Simmons again indicated that Ben Simmons is returning to Louisville at the end of May merely for a visit.

April 25, 1972  
Louisville, Kentucky

Source has discovered that Daryl's last name is Blakemore and that Blakemore claims that [REDACTED]

The BPP newspaper "Right On" arrived in Louisville on April 24, 1972. According to Gordon Moore the papers were shipped by Greyhound Bus and were shipped COD. G. T. Alexander was scheduled to pick up the papers after he got his car out of the garage where it was being repaired. Alexander has indicated that he wants all BCSD members to sell between 25 and 50 papers.

Alexander has indicated that the Panthers in Indianapolis have only been operating since the beginning of 1972. Indianapolis made contact with the Louisville Chapter and indicated that they wished to be inspected by someone from the East Coast, and this is the reason that BCSD members traveled to Indianapolis.

Source described Umoja as extremely hot tempered. This temper has showed itself on several occasions when he has been disciplined.

Judi Simmons indicated that J. J. Fugett was sent to Indianapolis because she thought it would help him out. She indicated that Fugett plays too much and is never serious. She hoped that by sending him to Indianapolis it would make him feel important and perhaps provide him with a more serious approach to the party. She did indicate that before he left he seemed to be very serious about his mission in Indianapolis. Judi Simmons also indicated that she wanted to send him to Indianapolis with Umoja in hopes that Fugett and Umoja would improve their relationship.

Apparently Geronimo plans to stay in Louisville for some time inasmuch as he is looking for a job. He has inquired at Hart Battery Exchange regarding employment there.

Regina Harwell has not been seen at the BCSD office recently and perhaps she has returned to school.

Laurice Harwell should be returning to the BCSD office the end of this week. She is currently on a week's vacation from the party for the purpose of moving into her new apartment at 1906 South 35th Street. The sleeping arrangements at 1906 South 35th Street are as follows: Laurice and John sleep in the bed and Judi Simmons sleeps on the couch.

Judi Simmons has not been very active in the BCSD lately. G. T. Alexander is running the operation by himself.

[redacted] has not been active at all in the BCSD recently and appears to be drifting away. [redacted] has undergone a drastic change in terms of attitude and personality lately and appears to be upset about some personal problem. [redacted] who is normally very playful has been extremely depressed lately.

On Sunday, April 23, 1972, while distributing posters at the Elks Lounge at Wilson and DuValle, Daryl Blakemore was standing outside of the lounge. A policeman drove by in a patrol car and yelled his name. Blakemore gave no indication that he heard his name and casually went inside the lounge. Once inside he explained that this policeman has been looking for him for some time and is trying to pin an armed robbery on him. Blakemore appeared to have a fear of this policeman and indicated that he was "going to off him" meaning that he was going to kill him.

Don Spaulding is in charge of the membership drive currently being undertaken by the BCSD. In conjunction with this he is supposed to have access to an office somewhere near Russell Junior High School. Source believes that this office has something to do with getting jobs for young people.

G. T. Alexander and Daryl Blakemore discussed the possibility of making a move on the pusher on Derby Day at Churchill Downs. They indicated that they may "rip off" some of the pushers at the Derby because they will be carrying a lot of money with them and will probably be armed. They also indicated that they might set fire to some of the pushers' cars at the Derby. Source indicated that at the time these statements were made G. T. Alexander was somewhat drunk, and it is source's opinion that this was

mere talk on Alexander's part. Source does not know Blakemore well enough to assess whether or not this was mere talk on his part. Source indicated that Blakemore knows a lot of people in Louisville including pushers and is very "street wise." G. T. Alexander on the above described occasion when he was intoxicated talked about ripping off some banks. Source interpreted this as mere talk on Alexander's part.

William Spaulding also known as Mutt who had previously approached Bruce Conway regarding the sale of a .45 automatic pistol also has a .32 automatic pistol and a .410 sawed-off shotgun. In regard to the .45 automatic, Spaulding has indicated someone stole this weapon from him.

John Winfield has been cleared in regard to being suspected as an informant. He no longer is so suspected.

The BCSD is looking to recruit female members. They are especially looking for a female companion for Gordon Moore.

Source has confirmed in several conversations with Geronimo that he is from New York, New York.

G. T. Alexander has spoken of a hospital which was taken over last year by the BPP, New York, New York. Alexander claims that the party assumed control of the hospital and is now using it as a detoxification center and a political education center. Alexander indicated that this is the type of action he would like to see performed by the Louisville Chapter.